

Early Morning Mitts

Size: Ladies' one size fits most

[If mitts are too large, try a size smaller needle and/or slightly thinner yarn. If too small, try a larger needle size.]

Skill Level: Easy

Suggested Yarns: Cascade 220, Cascade 220 Heathers, Paton's Classic Wool, Lion Brand Wool-Ease {be sure to check gauge}

Needles: US 8 double pointed needles (dpns)

Gauge: 5 stitches and 6 rows = 1 inch

Notes and abbreviations:

Skills: Knitting in the round, increases, decreases, bind off in purl

KFB = (increase) knit into front and back of stitch

K2tog = (decrease) knit 2 stitches together

pm = place stitch marker

sm = slip stitch marker to right needle

M1R = insert needle back to front under bar b/t stitches and knit

M1L = insert needle front to back under bar b/t stitches and knit tbl (through back loop)

For video tutorials, I recommend: www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases

Check out my tutorial posts for this pattern at

<http://perfectioknits.com/category/perfectioknits/earlymorningmittstutorials/>

Instructions

Cuff:

Using long-tail cast-on method, cast-on 36 stitches

Round 1: Divide stitches evenly on 3 dpns. Carefully join and PURL first round of stitches

Round 2: Knit around

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: Purl

Round 6: [increase round] KFB every stitch (72 stitches)

Rounds 7-11: Knit

Round 12: [decrease round] K2tog around (36 stitches)



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Repeat Rounds 1-12 but with added decrease on Round 2 as follows:

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: Knit, decreasing to **34** stitches (Knit together stitches 17 & 18 and also knit together the last two stitches of the round.)

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: Purl

Round 6: [increase round] KFB every stitch (68 stitches)

Rounds 7-11: Knit

Round 12: [decrease round] K2tog around (34 stitches)

Repeat Rounds 1-5 one more time decreasing stitches on Round 2 as follows:

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: Knit, decreasing to **32** stitches (Knit together stitches 16 & 17 and also knit together the last two stitches of the round.)

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: Purl

Knit 14 rounds (You can knit more or fewer rounds depending on how long or short you want the arm section to be—just be sure to mark down the number of rounds you knit so you can knit the second mitt the same!)

Begin thumb gusset:

Round 1: K1, pm, M1R, K2, M1L, pm, knit to end of round

Round 2: knit

Round 3: K1, sm, M1R, K4, M1L, sm, knit to end of round

Round 4: knit

Round 5: K1, sm, M1R, K6, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 6: knit

Round 7: K1, sm, M1R, K8, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 8: knit

Round 9: K1, sm, M1R, K8, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 10: knit

Round 11: K1, sm, M1R, K10, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 12: knit

Round 13: K1, sm, M1R, K12, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 14: knit

Round 15: K1, sm, M1R, K14, M1L, sm, knit to end

Round 16: knit

Round 17: K1, carefully place the thumb stitches from between the stitch markers on a piece of scrap yarn, cast on 2 stitches (backwards loop cast-on), then knit to end of round

Knit 14 rounds (On the first round you'll want to knit the 2 cast-on stitches through the back loop to tighten the stitches.)

Top edge of mitt:

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

Loosely bind off in purl.

Thumb:

Carefully place thumb stitches from scrap yarn onto 3 dpns (6,6,4).

Round 1: Knit across thumb stitches, pick up and knit 2 stitches in gap

Round 2-6: knit

Round 7: knit, at the same time decrease 3 stitches evenly [K2tog every 6 stitches or so] if thumb seems too wide (just decrease 2 stitches evenly if 3 is too tight)

Round 8: purl

Round 9: knit

Round 10: purl

Round 11: knit

Loosely bind off in purl.

Repeat instructions for second mitt.

Wear and enjoy having toasty warm hands!

Happy knitting!