

Thrummed Mittens

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Materials: 1 TFA Thrummed Mitten Kit including 1 skein Green Label Aran Weight yarn, 100% superwash merino 115g (4oz) = 187m (205yds) and approx. 50g of BFL roving.

Set of 4mm (US 6) dpns.

Tapestry needle and waste yarn.

Gauge: 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

Abbreviations

k :: knit

p :: purl

k2tog :: knit 2 stitches together as one.

ssk :: Slip, slip, knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to purl, knit the 2 together through the back loops.

thrum :: Using working yarn and prepared fiber held together, knit next stitch. On next round you will knit the thrum and the yarn together through the back.

The first thing I recommend you do when you start on your thrummed mitten kit is to separate the roving into 2 halves, one for each mitt. That way you know your mitts will be evenly balanced. To prepare the fiber, gently tear off pieces of roving that are about 4" long and thinner than your pinky. Fold fiber in half so that ends meet in the center, then fold in half again. For a great step by step on how to thrum, see Hello Yarn's tutorial: <http://www.helloyarn.com/wp/?p=425>

Instructions:

CO 40 sts. Join for working in the round, place marker. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 2.5". Switch to stockinette stitch and increase 4 sts evenly around next round by knitting into front and back of every 10th st. 44 sts. Knit 2 rounds even. Begin thrums.

Round 1: k3, thrum 4th, continue to end.

Rounds 2, 3 & 4: knit.

Round 5: k1, thrum, *k3, thrum 4th; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rounds 6, 7 & 8: knit.

Repeat these 8 rounds until mitt measured from end of ribbing is 3". It's now time to place the afterthought thumb: k8 sts with waste yarn, slip these 8 sts back to left needle, knit these sts with working yarn.

Continue in established thrum pattern until mitt measures approx. 7 inches from cuff. Decrease round: *k1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before half way mark, k2tog, k1; repeat from * once. (you may find it helpful to place a marker at half way point.)

Next round: knit.

Repeat these two rounds (decreasing 4 sts every second row) until there are 14 sts left, using kitchener stitch, graft remaining sts together to close the top.

Thumb:

Remove waste yarn exposing 15 loops, pick up live sts (8 on bottom, 7 on top) and knit 1 round, picking up 1 extra st on both the inside and outside of thumb, on next round knit the 2 picked up sts from the together with a neighbouring st. 16 sts. Knit thumb, continuing thrums every 4th row as established, until thumb measures 2".

Decrease: Round 1: *k1, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: knit

Round 3: k2tog all around. Break yarn and pull through live sts to close. Using tapestry needle, weave in ends.

Repeat for second mitten, admire your handiwork and enjoy your fluffy new mitts. Be sure to turn it inside out, that's the best part!

