

Garden Mitt(en)s



A cozy cuff gives protection from chilly temperatures, and a clever increase across the palm assures a good fit.

Yarn: Bulky Weight (3.5 sts/in) - approx. 100 yds

Gauge: 4 sts = 1" 6 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

Mitts are knit at a tighter than normal gauge.

Needles: DP needles - choose US 7 or 8 or 9. Use size **YOU** need to get gauge.

Notions: Stitch marker, Small Stitch holder, Yarn needle

Finished Dimensions:

Mitts = 8" long x 9" around widest part of palm including thumb

Mittens = approx. 10" long

Make 2 One Right Hand and One Left Hand

Cuff - same for both mitt(en)s

Using Long tail Method cast on 22 st. Distribute onto 3 needles. Join to work stitches in the round. (Place marker for beginning of round after first stitch.)

row 1 - Purl

row 2 - Knit

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 8 times. (16 rounds on 22 st)

(Piece measures 3" from beginning.)

Proceed For the Right Hand - Increase Across Palm

K1, slip marker, Make 1 by "pulling" the bar between stitches forward and knitting to twist it. Knit to end of round.

Repeat this round a total of 16 times.

(Stitch count 38 st.)

Knit next round up to last 8 stitches. Place these 8 stitches on stitch holder. Cast on 2 st. (32 st)

Continue working palm - same for both mitt(en)s

Redistribute 32 stitches on 3 needles.

Join round and Knit 6 rounds. (or for closed top Mitten see note ##.)

Purl 1 round.

Knit 1 round decreasing 4 st evenly across round. (28 sts)

Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round.

Bind off loosely.

For the Left Mitt(en)

Work Cuff as for Right Mitt(en)

Left Hand Increase Across Palm

K to end of round. Make 1 after last stitch by "pushing" the bar between stitches backward and knitting to twist it. Repeat this round a total of 16 times. (Stitch count 38 st.)

Place first 8 stitches of next round on stitch holder. Cast on 2 sts.

Knit to end of round. (32 st)

Continue working palm - same for both mitt(en)s

Thumb on each Mitt(en)

Transfer 8 st from holder to 2 needles. Using 3rd needle, pick up and knit 4 stitches (2 in cast on stitches and 1 at each corner where thumb meets hand). (12 st)

Knit 5 rounds. (or for closed top Thumb see note ##.)

Purl 1 round, Knit 1 round, Purl 1 round.

Bind off loosely.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends. Block. Put on the mitt(en)s and get to work!

To Make Full Mitten Version

Continue Knitting all rounds until mitten measures 1-1/2 " less than desired length.(approx. 20 rounds from thumb join) Decrease for top as follows:

K3, K2tog repeat around, end with K2. Knit 3 rounds.

K2, K2tog repeat around, end with K2. Knit 2 rounds.

K1, K2tog repeat around, end with K2. (14 st)

Cut yarn, leaving 10" tail. Thread tail into yarn needle and slip through all 14 st. Pull to tighten and weave end into inside of mitten.

For Closed Thumb:

Knit until thumb is desired length. (approx. 12 rounds)

K2tog around. (6 st)

Cut yarn, leaving 10" tail. Thread tail into yarn needle and slip through all 6 st. Pull to tighten and weave end into inside of mitten.