

Basic Mittens

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A quick knit to keep your hands toasty. Wool stranded with Mohair makes for a soft, warm fabric.

Size

Circumference: 8.5" (22 cm)
Length: about 11" (28 cm) – *or as desired, easily customizable.*

Yarn

Cascade Eco Wool (100% Wool); 478 yds (438 m)/250 g – about 110 yds are needed for both mitts.
Rowan Kidsilk Haze (70% Mohair, 30% Silk); 229 yds (210 m)/ 25 g – same amount.

Needles

Size 9 (5.5 mm) double pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge

17 sts to 4" in Stockinette Stitch

Notions

Tapestry needle
Small stitch holder

Right Mitten

With both yarns holding together, CO 32 sts. Distribute sts evenly on four dpns – 8 sts each. Close to rnd, careful not to twist sts. Work 14 rnds in 2x2 rib (k2, p2).

Next rnd: Change to Stockinette Stitch and work until piece measures about 3" from rib (I worked 20 rounds) – *or to desired length.*

Base of thumb

K6, place these sts on holder, work to end of rnd.

Next rnd: With backward loop method cast on 6 sts to make up for the sts placed on holder, work to end of rnd. Work 17 more rnds – *or to desired length, adding or omitting rnds, just to measure about 1.75" less than tallest finger.*

Next (dec) rnd: *K1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more – 28 sts. Knit 2 rnds.

Next (dec) rnd: K1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more – 24 sts. Knit 1 rnd.

Next (dec) rnd: K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more – 20 sts. Repeat decrease round 2 times more, working 2 less stitches between decreases – 12 sts remain. Slip sts onto two needles, holding them parallel, graft top and weave in end on inside of mitten.

Thumb

Knit 6 sts from holder then pick up 1 st from gap between rows, pick up 6 sts from cast-on edge, then pick up 1 more stitch from other gap – 14 sts. Work until thumb measures just the length of your thumb (or the recipients thumb).

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Next (dec) rnd: K2tog 7 times – 7 sts.

Next (dec) rnd: K2tog 3 times, k1. Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, weave in end on inside.

Left Mitten

Work as for right mitt just to base of thumb.

Base of thumb

Work to end of rnd, place last 6 sts just knitted on holder.

Next rnd: K to holder, cast on 6 sts to make up for sts on holder. Work 17 more rnds – *or to match right mitten if changed.*

Work top of mitten as for right mitten. Graft top of mitten and weave in end.

Work thumb as for right mitten.