big merino mitts

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finished measurements

8" circumference – length easily adjustable

yarn

Drops Big Merino – 2 balls (100% merino wool) 75 m / 82 yds)

needles and notions

4.5 mm (US7) double pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge
Small Stitch holder

gauge

18 sts in 4" / 10 cm (row gauge not essential)
Stockinette St in the round

notes

Mitts are knit in the round in one piece.

Stitches for thumb are put on hold, and the thumb is knit after mitten is finished.





pattern

Right mitten

Cast on **36** sts and distribute stitches onto four needles as follows: 8 - 10 - 8 - 10 sts.

Close to round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work 14 rnds in 2x2 rib (k2, p2). Redistribute stitches to 9 sts each needle.

Next rnd: Change to Stockinette Stitch and work until piece measures about #" from rib (I worked 22 rnds) – *or to desired length.*

Base of thumb

K7, place these sts on holder, work to end of rnd.

Next rnd: With backward loop method, cast on 7 sts to make up for the sts placed on holder, work to end of rnd. Work 23 more rounds – or to desired length, adding or omitting ronds, just ot measure about 1.5" less than tallest

Next (dec) rnd: *K1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more – 32 sts. Knit 1 rnd.

Next (dec) rnd: *K1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1; rep from * once more – 28 sts. Knit 1 rnd.

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

Repeat decrease rnd 2 times more, working 2 less stitches between decreases – 16 sts remain. Slip sts onto two needles, holding them parallel, graft top and weave in end on inside of mitten.

Thumb

finger.

Knit 7 sts from holder then pick up 1 st from gap between rows, pick up 7 sts from cast-on edge, then pick up 1 more st from other gap – 16 sts. Work until thumb measures just the length of your thumb (or the recipients thumb).

Next (dec) rnd: k2 tog 8 times – 8 sts. Knit 1 rnd.

Cut yarn, thread through remaining sts, pull tight and weave in end on inside of thumb.

Left Mitten

Work as for right mitten just to base of thumb.

Base of thumb

Work to end of rnd, place last 7 sts just knitted on holder.

Next rnd: Knit to holder, cast on 7 sts to make up for sts on holder. Work 23 more rounds – *or match rnds on right mitten if changed*.

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

Work thumb as for right mitten. Weave in ends and steam block lightly.



Happy knitting!



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