

MittSF

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These mitts were designed for San Francisco, where it is cold enough to need something to keep your hands warm, but not full mittens.

Sizes: Women's S, M, L

Yarn: 1 skein Rowan Cocoon, or 100 yards of other bulky single ply yarn.

Needles: Set of size 6 DPNs (or size needed to get gauge.)

Finished circumference for S is 7", should fit a 6.5" hand circumference, M is 7.5, should fit 7" hand, L is 8, should fit 7.5" hand. Example shown in S.

Gauge: 9 stitches=2"

SET UP FOR RIGHT MITT:

Cast on 28 (30, 32) stitches. Join for knitting in the round on 3 DPNs (or whatever method you prefer.) Place marker to indicate beginning of round.

K3, p1 Repeat to end. Repeat this round 11 (12, 13) times, for a total of 12 (13, 14) rounds in ribbing.

Increase round: *k1, m1, k5* Repeat to end. You will end with k4. (Basically, increase 4 stitches.) Total number of stitches on needles: 32 (34, 36)

Divide with 7 (7,8) stitches each on needle 1 and 7 (8, 8) stitches on needle 2, and 18 (19, 20) on needle 3. Needle 1 and 2 form the back of the mitt, needle 3 will be the front. It will have more stitches to account for the cable pulling in.

BODY FOR MITT (AND THUMB GUSSET):

Knit one round plain.

You will knit needle 1 and 2 in stockinette for the rest of the body of the mitt. This is not noted below, to save space. When you finish knitting needles 1 and 2, follow the instructions below for each row.

These are the instructions for needle 3:

Row 1: k1 (1, 2), knit corresponding cable row (see instructions below), k9 (10, 10).
Row 2: Begin thumb gusset: k1 (1,2) , knit corresponding cable row, k7 (8, 8), place marker, m1R, k1, m1L, place marker, k1
Row 3: k1 (1, 2), knit corresponding cable row, k7 (8, 8), k3, k1
Row 4: k1 (1, 2), knit corresponding cable row, k7 (8, 8), k3, k1
Row 5: k1 (1, 2), knit corresponding cable row, k7 (8, 8), m1R, k3, m1L, k1
Row 6 onwards to 11 (13, 16): Continue in this manner, increasing 2 stitches every third row, until you have 11 (12,13) stitches between the markers (this should be row 11 (13,16))
Row 12-13 (14-15, 18-19): k1 (1, 2), knit corresponding cable row, k7 (8, 8), k11 (12, 13), k1

Thread the 11 (12, 13) stitches between the markers onto a spare piece of yarn. Tie the yarn piece together so the stitches do not fall off. This is the thumb. Cast on 2 with backward loop method over gap, and continue knitting needles 1 and 2 plain and the cable pattern on needles 3, until the cable looks like (from the bottom up), half an open diamond, two diamonds, and another half open diamond. You will end with Row 9. Knit one more round, with row 1 of the cable pattern.

Cable pattern:

Row 1: p1, k1, p4, k1, p1
Row 2: p1, crL, p2, crR, p1
Row 3: p2, k1, p2, k1, p2
Row 4: p2, crL, crR, p2
Row 5: p3, [crossknitcable], p3
Row 6: p3, k2, p3
Row 7: p2, crR, crL, p2
Row 8: p2, k1, p2, k1, p2
Row 9: p1, crR, p2, crL, p1
Repeat from top.

crL: cross left. Put stitch on cable needle; hold in front of work. Purl next stitch. Knit stitch off cable needle.

crR: cross right. Put stitch on cable needle; hold behind work. Knit next stitch. Purl stitch off cable needle.

crossknitcable: On the right mitt, put stitch on cable needle; hold behind work. Knit next stitch, knit stitch off cable needle. On left mitt, reverse by putting stitch on cable needle; hold in front of work. Knit next stitch, knit next stitch off cable needle.

PICOT EDGING

Knit 5 rows plain on all three needles.

Now, *k2tog, yo* repeat until end. You may have to fudge here and k2tog at the end with a stitch that has already been k2tog.

Knit 3 rows plain.

Bind off.

Fold down the edging at the yo row. Tack down with a thinner, stronger yarn.

THUMB

Place reserved stitches on two needles. With third needle, pick up and knit 5 (6, 6) stitches around top of gap. Knit 1 round. Decrease as evenly as possible so you have 12 (14, 16) stitches left. Knit until tube is as long as your thumb's knuckle. Cast off.

Weave in edges, including filling in any holes that may have occurred around the base of thumb.

LEFT MITT

Row 1: k9 (10,10), knit corresponding cable row (see chart above), k1 (1,2).

Row 2: Begin thumb gusset: k1 (1, 2), place marker, m1L, k1, m1R, place marker, k7 (8, 8), knit corresponding cable row, k1

Row 3: k1, k3, k7 (8, 8), knit corresponding cable row, k1 (1, 2)

Row 4: k1, k3, k7 (8, 8), knit corresponding cable row, k1 (1, 2)

Row 5: k1, m1L, k3, m1R, k7 (8, 8), knit corresponding cable row, k1(1, 2)

Row 6 onwards to 11 (13, 16): Continue in this manner, increasing 2 stitches every third row, until you have 11 (12,13) stitches between the markers (this should be row 11 (13,16))

Row 12-13 (14-15, 18-19): k1, k11 (12, 13), k7 (8, 8), knit corresponding row, k1 (1,2)

The cable for the left mitt is the same as the right one, except that the direction of the cable crossings is reversed. Please note this in the [crossknitcable] line by crossing the right cable in front of the left instead.

Follow thumb and picot edging info for first mitt.