

Felted Mittlets

US Size 6 (4mm) double pointed needles and 1 skein of Cascade 220, Galway or some similar feltable worsted-weight wool. It actually just takes a little over half a skein. The last ones I finished took 51 of the 100 gram skein.



This is kind of a down and dirty pattern but I think it's complete enough for someone who's never knitted mitts to follow. The nice thing about these mitts is that you don't have to worry about right hand/left hand.

Cast on 36 stitches over 4 needles.
Work in Knit 2/Purl 2 ribbing for 4 inches.
Knit 2 rounds before starting the thumb increases.

*On needle 1, knit 2 stitches, place marker, make 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches, make 1 stitch, place marker, knit to the end of the round.

Next round: Knit around slipping markers as you go.*

Repeat from * to * until there are 12 stitches between the markers.

Next round: knit 2, remove marker, knit 12, remove marker. Slip the 12 stitches from between the marker onto a stitch holder then knit to the end of the round.

Next round: Knit 2, cast on 2 stitches and then knit to the end of the round.

Knit around until piece measures 7 inches.

Work in Knit 2/Purl 2 ribbing for 1.5 inches.

Bind off loosely.

<p><u>Here's the formula I've been using:</u> 24 rows for cuff 10-12 rows between top of thumb and finger ribbing 8 rows for finger ribbing</p>

Thumb: Move the first 5 stitches from the stitch holder onto a needle. Put the next 5 stitches from the stitch holder to a second needle. The last 2 stitches should go on a third needle. Join the yarn and knit across needles 1 & 2. Knit the 2 stitches from needle 3 and then pick up 2 stitches from the cast-on section at the top of the thumb opening.

Knit around until the thumb measures 2 inches and bind off. Work in the ends of the yarn.

Make a second mittlet and felt.

Felt to fit. Keep an eye on the felting process. I let it run about 5 minutes and then check it every minute or so to make sure it doesn't go too far. If you've never felted something before, there are loads of instructions around. Here's one from the Knitty.com website that may be helpful.

<http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter03/FEATfelthis.html>

Keep in mind that felted knitting shrinks about 10% width-wise and 30% length-wise.

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