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CHILDREN'S MITTENS

(Sweater-weight yarn)



Equipment Needed:

Yarn — Sweater weight, 4/8, 1 to 2 ounces, any color not too bright.

Needles—Use 4 needles to fit the Red Cross Needle Gauge for mittens or beanies. Gauges available from Headquarters.

Scale:

6 stitches to the inch, 8 rows to the inch. Make a sample to determine whether or not your scale is the same as that given. If not, adjust the knitting directions to your own knitting by casting

on fewer or more stitches, depending on whether you knit loosely or tightly. The sample of your knitting is also necessary because the yarn may vary slightly, making adjustments necessary in the number of stitches cast on.

General Instructions:

Always join new yarn at end of row. Never knot or splice yarn in middle of row.

These knitting directions are given as a guide. Other simple mitten instructions may be used.

On 3 double point needles cast on.....

Join and work in ribbing of K 2, P 2, for.....

Hand—1st round, Knit, 2nd round knit to within 2 sts. of end of 3d needle; increase 2 sts. in next st. (K 1 st. on front thread, 1 st. on back thread, 1 st. on front thread), K the last stitch.

Knit 3d round; on 4th round knit to within 4 sts. of end of 3d needle, increase once in next stitch, K 1, increase in next stitch, K 1.

Work even for three rounds.

8th round—Knit to within 6 sts. of end of 3d needle, increase in next stitch, K 3, increase in next stitch, K 1.

Knit 1 round. 10th round, knit to within 8 sts. of end of 3d needle, increase in next stitch, K 5, increase in next stitch, K 1.

The following to be used for medium and large sizes only: (For continuation of directions for the small size, see "FOR ALL SIZES," below.)

"Work even for three rounds. 14th round, knit to within 10 sts. of end of round, increase in next st., knit 7, increase in next st., knit 1."

<i>Children's Small</i>	<i>Children's Medium</i>	<i>Children's Large</i>
28	32	36 stitches
2	2½	2¾ inches

(OVER)

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The following to be used for large size only: (For continuation of directions for the medium size, see "FOR ALL SIZES," below.)				
"Knit 1 round. 16th round, knit to within 12 sts. of end of 3d needle, increase in next st., knit 9, increase in next stitch, K 1."				
"FOR ALL SIZES"				
Knit 1 round, then knit to within.....	10	12	14	stitches
of end of 3d needle.				
Slip the	10	12	14	stitches
on a stitch holder.				
Cast on	2	2	3	stitches
at thumb end of hand and work plain for.....	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	inches
from thumb opening.				
To decrease * K 4, K 2 sts. together, repeat from * to end of 3d needle. Work plain.....	1	1	1	row
Next row, * K 3, K 2 together; repeat from * to end of 3d needle. Work plain.....	1	1	1	row
Next row, * K 2, K 2 together; continue from * to end of 3d needle. Knit 1 round.				
<i>Omit</i> this step for the small and medium sizes—use only for the large size.				
"Next row. * K 1, K 2 together; repeat from * to end of 3d needle. Knit 1 round."				
Next row, K 2 stitches together continually to end of 3d needle.				
Break off yarn, leaving an end. Draw this end through the remaining stitches twice, leaving end to sew with after thumb is finished.				
<i>Thumb</i> —Beginning with the inside edge of thumb, slip back on 3 needles the.....				
	10	12	14	stitches
Beginning at the outside edge, knit 1 round and pick up and knit the.....	2	2	3	stitches
cast on over the thumb stitches.				
Work even until thumb measures from the picked-up stitches	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	inches
Next row, * K 2 together entire length of round.				
Break off yarn, leaving an end. Draw remaining stitches together tightly and sew thumb seam. Then sew seam of hand.				
Work other mitten exactly the same but reverse shaping of thumb by increasing at beginning of 3d needle, e.g. 2nd round, at beginning of 3d needle, K 1, increase 2 sts. in next stitch, knit to end of round.				
3d round—knit				
4th round, at beginning of 3d needle, K 1, increase in next stitch, K 1, increase in next stitch, Knit to end of round.				
5th round—knit.				
Increase same as for other mitten until there are 7 sts. between increases, or same number mentioned for desired size.				

Chapter Label—Should be sewed inside one of the mittens at wrist. Either indicate size on label or add tag showing size.

DIRECTIONS FOR FOLDING AND BUNDLING

Fasten two mittens together to form a pair, folding thumbs inside. Place 5 pairs in a stack, alternating the position of the thumbs to make a smooth bundle. Tie securely. Indicate contents on each bundle.

Do not start another garment with left-over yarn.

Please return all unused yarn to Chapter.

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