

Workshop

Child's Mitten (I)

Knitted Flat on Straight Needles
Requires Side Seam

A Lois Moore Creation

Use size 8 or 9 needles and worsted weight yarn. Make 2 markers from contrasting yarn.

Cuff: Cast on 24 stitches. Work in knit 1, purl 1 ribbing for 7 rows, or approximately 1 ½ inches.

Hand: Row 1: Increase 1 stitch in each of the first 2 stitches (*knit into the front and then the back – see instructions below), knit across to last 2 stitches. Increase 1 stitch in each of the last 2 stitches. 28 stitches total.

Row 2: Purl across

Row 3: Knit across

Row 4: Purl across

Row 5: Knit 13, place marker on right needle. Increase 1 stitch in each of the next 2 stitches. Place another marker on right needle. Knit 13.

Row 6: Purl across

Row 7: Knit across to first marker. Increase 1 stitch in first and last stitches between markers. Knit to end of row.

Repeat rows 6 and 7 until there are 12 stitches between markers.

Next row: Purl 14, removing first marker as you come to it, slip next 10 stitches on to stitch holder for thumb (contrasting piece of yarn works best). Purl 14, removing remaining marker and closing gap.

Work even in stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 10 rows. End with a purl row.

To shape top: Knit 2 together, knit 2, across row.

Purl next row across.

Knit 2 together, knit 1, across row.

Purl next row across.

Knit 2 together across next row.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread through yarn needle, and run through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. We will sew the seam later.

Thumb: Pick up stitches from holder to begin knit row. Work even in stockinette stitch for 8 rows.

Next row: Knit 2 together across row. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for seaming. Thread through yarn needle, run through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. With right sides together, sew thumb seam and side seam.

- Increase one stitch in the next stitch: With the yarn at the back of the work, knit the next stitch in the ordinary way, but do not remove the old stitch from the left needle. Swing the right-hand needle wide around and to the back and knit into the back of the old stitch. Remove the old stitch from the needle.**