

Basic Top Down Mittens

sizes: 2/3 yrs (circ. 5.5"/14cm), 4/5 yrs (circ. 6"/15.25 cm),
6/7 yrs (circ. 6.5"/16.5cm), 8 yrs/wm sm (circ. 7"/17.75cm)

materials & gauge:

approx 50 gm/100 yds worsted weight yarn
(shown in Cascade 220 - band info: 4.5st/US 8 or
5st/US 7 needles)

circular needles: 4.25mm (US 6) and 3.5 mm (US 4)
or size necessary to achieve gauge

gauge: 22 st/29 r = 4" (10 cm)



abbreviations:

mc: main color

cc: contrasting color

k: knit

p: purl

incr: increase

k2tog: knit 2 sts together as one

LH: left hand

m1: make one stitch by lifting the bar between
the just worked st and the next st and
knitting into the back loop

ndl: needle

p2tog: purl 2 sts together as one

rem: remaining

RH: right hand

st(s): stitch(es)

CONVERTING FROM CIRCULAR TO DOUBLE POINT NEEDLES --

This pattern can easily be worked with 5 double points, by further dividing the stitches - evenly place the stitches on Circular 1 onto Double Points 1/2, and place Circular 2 stitches on Double Points 3/4 cast on and ribbing.

cast on and increases

using larger needles, cast on 14 (16/16/20) using a closed cast on such as would be used for a toe-up sock (see crochet chain closed cast on in abbreviations & techniques). place half the stitches on each needle.

knit one round.

incr round: k2, m1, k to last 3 st on first needle, m1, k2.
repeat for 2nd needle

repeat incr round until there are 28(32/32/36) st. **FOR SIZE 6/7 ONLY**, work one more incr round: k8, m1, k16, m1, k to end of round. 34 st

upper hand

knit around until the mitten is 2½"(3¼", 4", 4½"):(6.4cm, 8.3cm, 10.2cm, 11.5cm) from cast on edge.

thumb opening and lower hand

left thumb: k across ndl 1. k 2, then k next 4 (5, 6, 6) sts with a piece of waste yarn.

slip waste yarn sts back to LH ndl and knit again with working yarn.

k to end of round.

right thumb: k across ndl 1. k 8(9, 9, 10) sts, then k next 4 (5, 6, 6) sts with waste yarn.

slip waste yarn sts back to LH ndl and knit again with working yarn.

k to end of the rnd.

knit even until piece measures 1¼"(1½", 1¾", 2"):(3.2cm/ 3.8cm/4.5cm/5.1 cm) from waste yarn or to where the wrist meets the hand.

decrease round & ribbing

*k5(6/6/7), k2tog. repeat from * around. **FOR SIZE 6/7 ONLY**, work one more decr round as follows: k6, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k to end of round. 24(28/30/32) st.

ribbing: transition to smaller needles and k2, p2 around until cuff is 1½"(1¾", 2", 2¼"):(3.8cm/4.5cm/5.1 cm/5.75cm) long, or to desired length. bind off using a stretchier method such as the decrease bind off.

thumb and finishing

pick out waste yarn at thumb and place live sts onto 2 needles.

pick up 2 additional st in each "corner" to close any gaps. 11(13, 15, 15) sts.

knit around until thumb measures 1½"(1¾", 2", 2¼"):(3.8cm/ 4.5cm/5.1 cm/5.75cm) above hand or ¼" (1 cm) less than desired length.

k2tog around for 2 rnds or until 8 or fewer sts remain.

cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. draw tail through rem sts tightly. thread yarn to inside and secure. weave in all ends securely.