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KIRA DESIGNS

for the modern knitter and crocheter



Yarn shown: Debbie Bliss Pure Cotton
(100% cotton; 90 yards/50 grams)

Topless Mittens

These fingerless mittens make a quick and low-cost gift. I'm always surprised at how warm they keep me, while still letting me write, type, or knit. Choose a sturdy yarn so you can wear them constantly without worrying about ruining your hard work.

GAUGE

4" = 17.5 stitches and 31 rounds in Stocking Stitch on larger needles

Note: yarns shown usually knit at 15-17 stitches to 4" in Stocking Stitch



Skill Level



Item No. 401

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

Circumference: 6"(6.5", 7.25")

Length: 6.75" or 8.25"

MATERIALS

90(100, 105) yards aran weight yarn

US 3 (3.25mm) and 5 (3.75mm) sets of 4 double-pointed needles **or size needed to obtain gauge and 2 sizes smaller**

stitch markers

scrap yarn to use as stitch holders

yarn needle

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DEFINITIONS

k: knit

m1: using left needle, pick up the horizontal strand between the stitches on the needles from front to back. Knit this stitch through the back of the loop. See your knitting reference book for a diagram.

p: purl

K1P1 Rib

(worked in the round on an even number of sts)

All rounds: *k1, p1, repeat from * to end of round.

MITTENS (make 2)

1. With smaller needles, loosely cast on 26(28, 32) sts. Place marker for beginning of round and join into the round, being careful not to twist the sts.
2. Work in K1P1 Rib for 6 rounds.
3. Change to larger needles and Stocking Stitch. Work even for 23 rounds. *Note: for shorter gloves, work only 13 rounds even.*
4. Thumb Gusset: Next round: m1, place gusset marker, work to end of round. Knit 1 round.
Round 1: m1, knit to gusset marker, m1, slip marker, knit to end.
Rounds 2-3: knit.
Repeat these three rounds 4 more times. 11 sts in thumb gusset section, 37(39, 43) sts total. Knit 2 more rounds.
5. Divide for Thumb: Next round: remove beginning of round marker, slip 11 thumb gusset sts to a holder (scrap yarn works best), then knit st after thumb gusset to re-join, knit to end of round. 26(28, 32) sts remain. Continue in Stocking Stitch to total 7.75" (6.25" for shorter gloves) from cast on edge, or ½" shorter than desired length.
6. Change to smaller needles and work in K1P1 Rib for 6 rounds. Bind off loosely in rib.
7. Thumb: Transfer 11 sts from holder to larger needles, pick up o(1, 2) sts along edge of palm. Work even on these 11(12, 13) sts for 4 rounds. Bind off loosely.
8. Weave in yarn ends, taking care to weave ends at base of thumbs over any gaps.

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