

NewfoundlandMitts

Warm Adult sized mittens. A Traditional Design rewritten by CreativeWhimsy mitts

1 skein of main colour worsted weight yarn. (A) 1 skein of variegated worsted weight yarn. (B) Set of 4 double pointed needles 3mm.

Please note: The needle size is a general guideline for these mitts. The Briggs and Little Heritage was a tight knit with the 3mm needles (almost too tight for knitting but I used the 3mm needles because that is what the original pattern said! 4 or 4.5mm would probably been better!). No matter what yarn you use, use what ever needle is suggested. Just do a swatch and see how many repeats of the 6 stitch pattern is needed to go around the intended wearers' hand. By the way, the tightly knit mitts relaxed and were a perfect fit and the wind does not blow through them!

Gauge for the sample: 6 stitch repeat came out at 1 inch after relaxing and just, oh so slightly, smaller before.

A - Main Colour - (Briggs and Little Heritage - Black) B - Second Colour - (Noro Kureyon #154)

With A cast on 42 sts.

Wrist: K1, P1 for 7-10 cms (2 1/2 - 3 1/2 inches)Next Row: Purl Following Row: Purl, increasing 2 sts on each needle for a total of 48 sts.

Pattern:

Section 1: *K4 with B, Sl 2 purl-wise with A*, rep. to end of row.

Rep. this row 4 times, 5 in total.

Purl 2 rows with A.

Section 2: K1 with B, * SI 2 purl-wise with A, K4 with B* rep. to end of row.

Important: Ensure that yarn A is left hanging in the back for this row.

Rep. this row 4 times, 5 in total.

Purl 2 rows with A.

Alternate these two sections to achieve pattern.

Knit the pattern 2 times.**

On the last of these sections where you Purl 2 rows: P2, put 7 sts on a stitch holder for thumb. Cast on 7 sts, purl to end. Purl one row.

Knit the pattern 5 or 6 times (or until long enough). I found that just above my pinkie finger was long enough

Decrease: With A

Row 1: Knit 1 row.

Row 2: *K4, K2tog.*, rep to end.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 3: *K3, K2tog.*, rep to end.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 4: *K2, K2tog*, rep to end.

Knit 2 rows.

Row 5: *K2tog*, rep to end.

Thread yarn through remaining loops and pull tight. Weave in end inside.

<u>Thumb:</u> With A pick up the 7 sts from holder. Pick up sts to make a total of 12-14 **sts. Knit to fit length of thumb. Decrease: K2tog all around and finish as the hand of mitt.

SI - Slip stitch, in this pattern slip them as if to purl.

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together.

** For my largish woman's hands I actually repeated 2.5 of the pattern (5 sections) before the thumb, and had to pick up to a total of 16 sts for the thumb.

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