

# the world's simplest mittens

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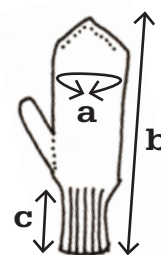


Sometimes winter catches you by surprise and you need a pair of mittens, quick! These are a perfect fast knit or a blank canvas for experimentation!

If this is your very first pair of mittens, check out our in depth tutorial, [Let's Knit a Super Simple Mitten](#).

**sizing:** toddler (child, adult S, M, L)

- a)** fits hand: 5 (6, 7, 7.75, 8.5)" around
- b)** mitten length: 7.25 (8.5, 10.5, 12, 13)" from cuff to finger tips (*adjustable*)
- c)** cuff length: 2.5 (2.5, 3, 4, 4)" (*adjustable*)



## materials:

- ?** **yarn:** fingering weight: 140 (160, 210, 260, 300) yards  
DK weight 100 (120, 160, 190, 220) yards  
worsted weight: 90 (100, 130, 160, 200) yards  
chunky weight: 70 (80, 120, 150, 190) yards  
*(samples shown in [Madelinetosh Tosh DK Twist](#) in 'tomato', [Rainbow Heirloom Sweater](#) in 'princess rockstar', [SweetGeorgia Superwash Worsted](#) in 'juicebox' and [Sweet Fiber Cashmerino Worsted](#) in 'spanish coin')*
- ?** **needles:** fingering: US #0 / 2mm and US #2 / 2.75mm  
DK: US #3 / 3.25mm and US #5 / 3.75mm  
worsted: US #5 / 3.75mm and US #7 / 4.5mm  
chunky: US #6 / 4mm and US #8 / 5mm  
DPNs in both sizes or long circulars for magic loop (*or as required to meet gauge*)
- ?** **gauge:** fingering: 26 sts & 36 rounds / 4"  
DK: 24 sts & 32 rounds / 4"  
worsted: 20 sts & 28 rounds / 4"  
chunky: 18 sts & 24 rounds / 4"  
*(all gauges given in stockinette on larger needles)*
- notions:** stitch markers, darning needle



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## pattern:

This mitten is knit in the round from cuff to fingertips, with increases for the thumb gusset. The thumb is knit last.

With smaller needles cast on:

**Fingering:** 32 (36, 42, 46, 52) sts.

**DK:** 28 (34, 38, 44, 48) sts.

**Worsted:** 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) sts.

**Chunky:** 22 (26, 28, 32, 36) sts.

Place BOR marker and join for working in the round.

Work in 1x1 rib (*k1, p1*) until piece measures 2.5 (2.5, 3, 4, 4)" from cast on. Switch to larger needles.

**Fingering and DK:** knit 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) rounds.

**Worsted and chunky:** knit 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) rounds.

## thumb gusset:

**Set up round:** m1, k1, m1, PM, knit to end [2 sts inc]

**Rounds 1 and 2:** knit

**Round 3:** m1, knit to marker, m1, SM, knit to end of round [2 sts inc]

**Fingering:** work rounds 1-3 a total of 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) times; 15 (15, 17, 17, 19) sts between BOR and marker.

**DK:** work rounds 1-3 a total of 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times; 13 (13, 15, 15, 17) sts between BOR and marker.

**Worsted:** work rounds 1-3 a total of 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) times; 11 (11, 13, 13, 15) sts between BOR and marker.

**Chunky:** work rounds 1-3 a total of 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) times; 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) sts between BOR and marker.

**Next round:** place sts between BOR and marker on waste yarn, remove marker, cast on 1 stitch, knit to end of round

Continue knitting every round until piece measures 1.75 (3, 3.75, 4, 4.5)" from end of thumb gusset.



## decreases:

**Fingering set up:** k16 (18, 21, 23, 26), PM, knit to end

**DK set up:** k14 (17, 19, 22, 24), PM, knit to end

**Worsted set up:** k12 (14, 16, 18, 20), PM, knit to end

**Chunky set up:** k11 (13, 14, 16, 18), PM, knit to end

*Note: you will now have 2 markers, the BOR marker and the second marker placed in the set up round.*

**Round 1:** [k1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before marker, k2tog, k1] twice [4 sts dec]

**Fingering:** work round 1 a total of 6 (7, 8, 9, 11) times; 8 (8, 10, 10, 8) sts remain.

**DK:** work round 1 a total of 5 (6, 7, 9, 10) times; 8 (10, 10, 8, 8) sts remain.

**Worsted:** work round 1 a total of 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) times; 8 (8, 8, 8, 8) sts remain.

**Chunky:** work round 1 a total of 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) times; 10 (10, 8, 8, 8) sts remain.

Break yarn, leaving a 6" tail to thread through remaining live sts. Pull tight to close top of mitten.

## thumb:

Place held sts back on larger needles. Knit across these sts, pick up 1 stitch from body of mitten, PM and join for working in the round.

**Fingering:** 16 (16, 18, 18, 20) sts.

**DK:** 14 (14, 16, 16, 18) sts.

**Worsted:** 12 (12, 14, 14, 16) sts.

**Chunky:** 10 (10, 12, 12, 14) sts.

Knit every round until thumb measures 1 (1.25, 1.75, 2, 2.25)" from pick up.

**Next round:** [k2tog] around

**Fingering:** 8 (8, 9, 9, 10) sts remain.

**DK:** 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) sts remain.

**Worsted:** 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts remain.

**Chunky:** 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts remain.

Break yarn, leaving a 6" tail to thread through remaining live sts. Pull tight to close top of thumb.

## finishing:

There will be a small hole at the base of the thumb. Use the yarn tail to sew up the hole. **Weave in all ends**, and **block mitts**. Wear them out on a blustery day!



## ? abbreviations:

**BOR** - beginning of round

**dec** - decrease(d)

**inc** - increase(d)

**k** - knit

**k2tog** - knit 2 sts together

**m1** - make one stitch by preferred method

**p** - purl

**PM** - place marker

**SM** - slip marker

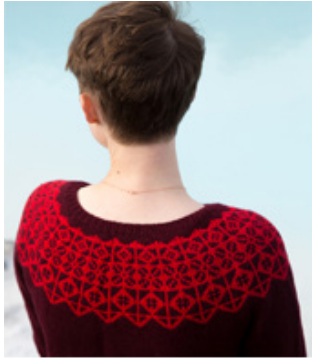
**ssk** - slip 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), knit 2 slipped sts together through back loops

**st(s)** - stitch(es)





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**compass**



**vivid**



**sitka spruce**



**oaken**



**stovetop**



**love note**



**bumble**



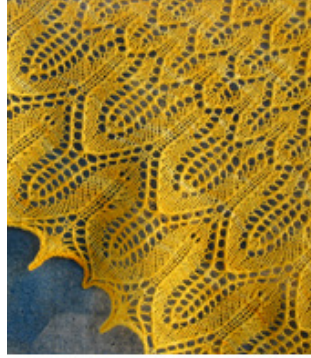
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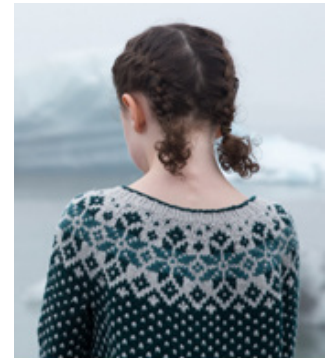
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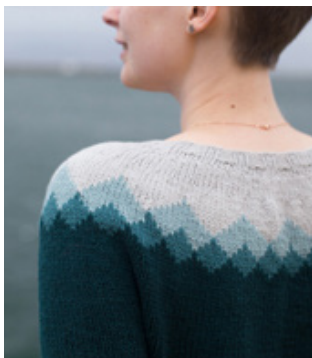
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