

WARMTH...



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“Warmth” came to me out of desperation. My husband and I planned an emergency trip to Asia last winter, when one of our destination, Seoul, had an average temperature of -10 celcius everyday. Here, we live in California, and didn’t own a single pair of gloves.

This pattern is for basic mitten, knitting in the round from the top (fingernails). The instructions will result in mittens about 6~6.5 inches long.

Materials:

Size US 5 (3.75mm) DPNs or circulars long enough for magic loop (I personally prefer magic loop)
Size US 1 for ribbing

(MC): 1 skein of Paton Classic Wool in “Olive”
(CC): 1 skein of Berroco Ultra Alpaca in “Natural”
Scrap yarn for the thumb

Gauge:

Directions:

<Palm>

CO 16 with Judy’s Magic Cast on, pm for beginning of round, and pm for the half way point (8 sts in between each marker)

1: $[[k1, M1R, k \text{ to } 1 \text{ st before marker, M1L, k1}]$ twice. (4 st increase)

2: Knit around.

Continue in this fashion, increasing 4 sts every other round until you have 40 sts total

Switch to CC, knit 3 rounds.

Switch to MC, knit 4 rounds.

Continue until you have 4 stripes in CC.

Switch to MC, knit 3 rounds.

<Thumb Set-up>

4th Round: Knit across until 8 sts before half-point m; with scrap yarn, k 6 sts, then put those sts back onto the left needle. Knit on with MC to end.

Do one more 3-round stripe with CC. Cut CC

With MC, knit straight for 13 rounds.

<Cuff>

[[SSK, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog]] twice. (36sts)

with two strands of MC yarn held together, knit 1x1 ribbing for 2 inches.

<Thumb-finishing>

Carefully pick up sts held by the scrap yarn. (12 sts)

Attach MC yarn, knit 6 sts, pick up and knit 3 sts, knit 6 sts, pick up 3 sts.

K7, ssk, k6, sk2p (if magic loop, you have 8 sts on bottom of the thumb, 7 sts on top)

knit in the round even for 10 rounds or until it's long enough to reach the fingernail.

k6, ssk, k to end. (14sts)

Knit evenly for 8 more rounds.

K2tog around (7sts)

Cut yarn, leaving about 6" tail. Using the tapestry needle, close all 7 sts together.

<Finish>

Weave in ends, block as necessary.



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