

MITTENS FOR KIDS

(using two needles)

3 Sizes: Ages 3-5 **(6-8)** **(9-11)**

2 oz 4 ply worsted weight yarn or wool.

2 stitch holders and yarn sewing needle.

Knitting needles sizes 5 and 7

(6 and 8 for larger sizes)

CUFF- (using smaller needles 5 or 7):

Cast on 28 sts.

Work in ribbing of k1, p1 for 10 **(12)** **(14)** rows.



HAND: (using larger needles)

Row 1: inc 1 st in each of first 2 sts (*make your increases by knitting into "horizontal loop" between 1st and 2nd stitches- see photo to left*), k across, inc 1 st in each of last 2 sts - 32 sts.

Row 2 and all EVEN rows: Purl

Row 3: Knit

Row 5: K 15, place marker on needle, increase in each of the next 2 sts, place a marker on needle, k 15.

Row 7: K 15, slip marker, increase in next st (*make your increase by knitting into base of next stitch instead of into top of the next st. Makes for a neater increase.*), k2, increase in next st, slip marker, k 15. Continue to increase 1 st after first marker **and** before 2nd marker every k row until there are 12 **(14 for largest size)** sts between markers.

(You are going to place some stitches on holders here, so you can work on the thumb)

Next row: (This is a purl row)

P16 (you will have to remove marker for the 16th stitch); **slip those stitches to a stitch holder**, p 10 **(12 - for both larger sizes)** (*this will become the thumb*); **slip remaining 16 sts to another holder** (removing the marker).

THUMB: Work even for **4 (6) (8)** rows. K 2 tog across next row. Break yarn; leave 1' end for sewing. Run yarn through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten. Sew thumb seam.

TOP: Join yarn at beg of 2nd holder, p to end of row purling right off the holders back onto needles. Work even on 32 sts for 12 **(14)** **(16)** rows.

SHAPE/decrease TOP:

Row 1: (k 2 tog, k2) 8 times.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: (k2 tog, k1) 8 times.

Row 4: Purl.