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simple textured mitts ♥ *by Tin Can Knits*

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DPNs or Magic Loop? When knitting small tubes (like mittens or sleeves) you can knit in the round **using double pointed needles** (DPNs) or a single long (40"+) circular needle and the **magic loop technique**. Try both and use whichever you are most comfortable with!

note:

The pattern includes the following sizes, which will be referred to in this order unless otherwise specified:
Toddler (Child, **Adult S, M, L**)

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Fits hand: 6 (6.5, **7, 7.75, 8.5**)" around

Mitten length: 7 (7.5, **9.25, 9.75, 11.25**)" from cuff to tip

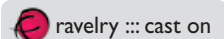
Fingerless mitt length: 4.5 (4.5, **5.75, 6.5, 7.75**)" from cuff to tip

materials:

Yarn: Worsted / aran weight yarn
70 (80, **120, 150, 200**) yards for mittens
50 (60, **80, 100, 140**) yards for fingerless mitts
(Toddler, Adult S, and Adult L samples shown in [SweetGeorgia Superwash Worsted](#) in 'bison', 'goldmine', and 'tumbled stone')

Gauge: 20 sts & 28 rounds/ 4" in stockinette

Suggested Needles: US #6 / 4mm DPNs*
(or as required to meet gauge)
*Alternatively you can use the **magic loop technique** to knit in the round using a single long circular needle.
Notions: Stitch markers, darning needle, waste yarn



? abbreviations:

BOR - beginning of round
DPNs - double pointed needles
dec - decrease(d)
inc - increase(d)
k - knit
k2tog - knit 2 sts together
m1 - make 1 stitch
p - purl
p2tog - purl 2 sts together
PM - place marker
SM - slip marker
ssk - slip 2 sts knitwise (1 at a time), then knit slipped sts together through back loops
st(s) - stitch(es)
work in pattern - continue in pattern as established (*knit the knits, and purl the purls*)

pattern:

These mitts are knit in the round from cuff to fingers or fingertips. Make 2 the same.

Cast on 24 (28, **32, 36, 40**) sts, PM (*this is the BOR*), and **join for working in the round**, taking care not to twist the your stitches.

Note: if you are working on DPNs you won't be able to place a marker at the beginning of a needle. Distribute your stitches so 1/2 are on the first needle, 1/4 are on the other 2 needles. The beginning of the 'full' needle is the BOR.

Establish ribbing: p1, k3, (p1, k1) to end
Work a total of 12 (12, **14, 16, 18**) rounds in ribbing as set.

Set-up pattern: p1, k3, PM, purl 7 (9, **11, 11, 13**), [k1, p1] 3 (3, **3, 5, 5**) times, k1, purl to end

Throughout the rest of the mitten or fingerless mitt (*until ribbed edge or decreases*), you will maintain the reverse stockinette stitch and ribbing pattern at the back of hand and palm as established in the last round. The 3 knit sts between the BOR marker and the second marker will become the thumb gusset.

Work 2 (2, **3, 3, 5**) more rounds **in pattern**.

thumb gusset:

The knit sts between the BOR marker and the 2nd marker will be increased to accommodate the thumb.

Round 1: p1, k1, **m1**, k1, m1, k1, SM, work in pattern to end [26 (30, **34, 38, 42**) sts]

Round 2: p1, knit to marker, SM, work in pattern to end

Round 3: p1, k1, m1, knit to 1 st before marker, m1, k1, SM, work in pattern to end [2 sts inc]

Round 4: p1, knit to marker, SM, work in pattern to end
Work rounds 3-4 a total of 3 (3, **4, 5**) times. This is 6 (6, **8, 8, 10**) rounds.

There are 12 (12, **14, 14, 16**) sts between the BOR and the marker. [32 (36, **42, 46, 52**) sts total]

Next round: p1, place the next 11 (11, **13, 13, 15**) sts on waste yarn, remove second marker, and cast on 3 sts using **backwards loop method**. Work in pattern to end of round. [24 (28, **32, 36, 40**) sts]

fingerless mitts hand:

Round 1: p11 (13, **15, 15, 17**), [k1, p1] 3 (3, **3, 5, 5**) times, k1, purl to end

Work round 1 until work measures 0.5 (0.5, **1, 1.25, 1.5**)" from end of gusset.

Set-up ribbing: (p1, k1) around

Work 3 (4, **4, 5, 6**) more rounds in ribbing as established, then **bind off** all sts.

mitten hand:

Round 1: p11 (13, **15, 15, 17**), [k1, p1] 3 (3, **3, 5, 5**) times, k1, purl to end

Work round 1 until work measures 2.5 (3, **3.75, 4, 4.5**)" from end of gusset [or 1 (1, **1.25, 1.5, 1.5**)" short of total desired length].

Next: remove BOR marker, purl 2 sts and replace marker. This is the new BOR.

Note: if you are using DPNs just purl 2 sts onto needle 3 from needle 1.

Decrease set-up: p1, **p2tog**, p4 (6, **8, 8, 10**), p2tog, PM, work 7 (7, **7, 11, 11**) sts in ribbing as set, PM, p2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog [4 sts dec]
[20 (24, **28, 32, 36**) sts]

Round 1: purl to marker, SM, work in pattern to marker, SM, purl to end

Round 2: p1, p2tog, purl to 2 sts before marker, p2tog, SM, work in pattern to marker, SM, p2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog [4 sts dec]

Work rounds 1-2 a total of 1 (2, **3, 3, 4**) times.
[16 (16, **16, 20, 20**) sts]

Next round: p1, (p2tog) twice, k1, (**k2tog**) 3 (3, **3, 5, 5**) times, (p2tog) twice [9 (9, **9, 11, 11**) sts]

Break yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail through remaining live sts (*removing markers*) and pull tight to close top of mitten.

thumb (both options):

Place 11 (11, **13, 13, 15**) held thumb sts back on needles. **Pick up and knit 3 sts in the cast-on sts**, then knit around held sts to end of round, PM. [14 (14, **16, 16, 18**) sts]

Next round: knit to last 5 sts, **ssk**, k1, k2tog
[12 (12, **14, 14, 16**) sts]

For fingerless mitts: knit all rounds until thumb measures 0.5 (0.5, **0.75, 1, 1**)". Bind off.

For mittens: knit all rounds until thumb measures 1 (1.5, **1.5, 1.75, 2**)", or 0.25" short of desired length.

Decrease round: (k2tog) around [6 (6, **7, 7, 8**) sts]

Break yarn, leaving 6" tail. Thread tail through remaining live sts and pull tight to close thumb.

finishing:

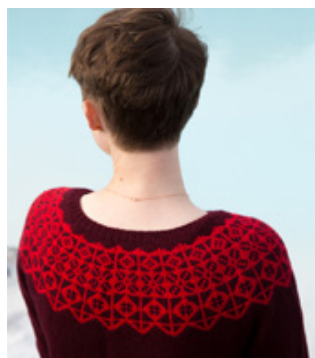
There will be a small hole at the base of the thumb. Using your tail sew up the hole. **Weave in all ends, block** mitts, and get outside on a frosty day!

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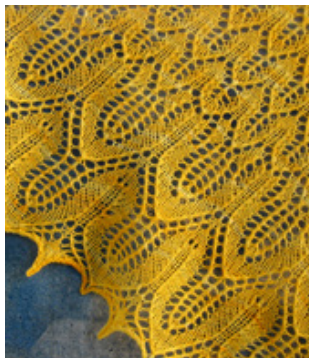
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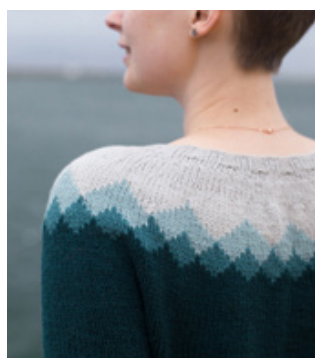
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