

Niki's Mitten Pattern

Needles: 5- #6 double pointed needles

Mitten:

Cast on 16 stitches on a dbl pt needle then divide- 4 stitches on each of 4 needles. Knit together into a circle and knit once around.

On needles 1 & 3- knit to 2nd stitch from end of needle and increase one stitch. On needles 2 & 4- knit 2 stitches and increase 1 stitch into stitch just knitted and knit rest of needle. Then knit around completely once.

Repeat from * to * until there are 10 stitches on each needle. Then knit around until the mitten, when slipped on the hand, fits up against the thumb without cramping the fingertips. Set aside and begin thumb.

Thumb:

Using 2 parallel needles- figure-8 loop the yarn around the 2 needles so there are 3 loops on each needle. Knit loops on top needle, then turn work over and knit loops that were on the bottom needle.* Repeat from * to * once. Stretch the 2 needles apart (these will become needles 1 & 3) and pick up 2 stitches from the stretched side and knit onto a new needle (this will be needle 2). Knit across needle 3 and pick up 2 stitches from the side between needles 3 & 1. Knit these 2 stitches onto a new needle and this needle becomes needle 4. You should now have 4 needles with stitches on them- needles 1 & 3 should have 3 stitches and needles 2 & 4 should have 2 stitches.

Now on needles 1 & 3- increase 1 stitch on each end of needle. Needles 2 & 4 will continue to have only 2 stitches on them. After "increase" round, knit once around without any increases. Then increase 1 stitch each end on needles 1 & 3 and just knit needles 2 & 4. There should now be 7 stitches on needle 1, 2 stitches on needle 2, 7 stitches on needle 3, and 2 stitches on needle 4.

Continue knitting around until piece, when slipped on thumb, fits comfortably down to thumb connection to palm. Slip the 2 stitches from needle 2 onto needle 1 and the 2 stitches from needle 4 onto needle 3. There should now be 9 stitches on 2 needles (total 18 stitches).

Back to Mitten:

Knit 5 stitches on mitten needle #1, lay thumb needle #1 parallel to Mitten needle #1. Knit 1 stitch from thumb needle together with 1 stitch from mitten needle. Knit another stitch from thumb needle together with 1 stitch from mitten needle. Slip 1st stitch over 2nd stitch (Bind-off Stitch). Continue binding off in this manner until all 5 stitches from mitten needle are used up. Then continue with bind-off stitch with remaining 4 thumb needle stitches and the 1st 4 stitches of mitten needle #2.

Pick up 4 stitches between last bind-off stitch and the 1st mitten needle stitch left on the needle (there should be 6 stitches remaining on mitten needle #2). Knit the 4 picked up stitches and continue around until the last stitch before the thumb join. Pick up 4 stitches there and knit them, then knit 5 stitches of thumb needle onto mitten needle #1. Knit remaining 4 stitches of thumb needle onto mitten needle #2. Finish knitting the round then knit around completely 4 times.

Then on needle #1, knit across needle until 7 stitches from the end. Knit together stitches #6 & #7 then finish knitting needle #1. On needle #2, knit up to stitches 6 & 7 from beginning of needle and knit these 2 stitches together. Finish knitting around. Knit 2 times completely around, then on needle #1, knit together stitches 5 & 6 from the end and on needle #2- knit together stitches 5 & 6 from the beginning of the needle. Finish round. Knit 2 complete rounds. On needle #1- knit together stitches 4 & 5 from the end and on needle #2- knit together stitches 4 & 5 from the beginning. Finish round. Knit 2 complete rounds.

On needle #1- knit stitches 3 & 4 from the end together.

On needle #2- knit stitches 3 & 4 from the beginning together. Knit last stitch of needle #2 together with 1st stitch of needle #3.

On needle #3- knit stitches 3 & 4 from end together.

On needle #4- knit stitches 3 & 4 from end together. Knit last stitch of needle #4 together with 1st stitch of needle #1.

Cuff:

Begin knit 1, purl 1 ribbing. I used 15 rounds then bound off, but they can be made longer for more wrist coverage.

