

Ben's Mitts

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These simple fingerless mitts will keep even the busiest hands warm! Knit using the hardy and rustic **Isle Yarns DK Poll Dorset Wool**, the mitts will naturally soften, with wear and wash, and surely become ones you reach for again and again. The Farrow Rib patterning creates a lofty and stretchy mitt well suited for women and men.

The mitts went on a trial run with Ben and passed the test. Whether working on the farm, photographing the countryside or hiking the globe his hands were kept toasty warm.

Materials

- Isle Yarns Poll Dorset Wool, one skein, 220m / 238 yds, color Mizzens
- 5mm / US8, or size to obtain gauge, circular needle for magic loop or double point needles
- waste yarn
- darning needle

Size

Medium - hand circumference of 20-25 cm/8-10 in
These mitts can be easily sized by reducing or increasing your cast on by 3 stitches.

Gauge

26 sts per 10cm/4in in Farrow Rib

Abbreviations

- pm - place marker
- sl - slip marker
- k - knit
- p - purl
- m1l - make one left
- m1r - make one right
- k2tog - knit two stitches together



Pattern

Cuff

CO 45 stitches, pm, and join in round

Rounds 1-18: *k2, p1* repeat to end of round

Setup for Thumb Gusset

Round 19: k2, p1, k1, pm, m1l, k1, p1, k1, m1r, pm, k1, p1, *k2, p1*, repeat ** to end of round

Round 20: k1, p2, k1, sm, keep in *k2, p1* rib until next marker, sm, k1, p1 *k1, p2* to end of round

NOTE: The hand is worked in Farrow Rib while the thumb is worked in *k2, p1* rib.

Hand and Thumb Gusset

Round 21: k2, p1, k1, sm, m1l, keep in established *k2, p1* rib to next marker, m1r, sm, k1, p1, *k2, p1*, repeat ** to end of round

Round 22: k1, p2, k1, sm, keep in *k2, p1* rib until next marker, sm, p2 *k1, p2* to end of round

Repeat rounds 21 and 22 until there are 17 stitches between markers

Repeat rounds 21 and 22 three times more without increasing

Round 23: k2, p1, k1, place 17 stitches on waste yarn, cast on 3 stitches using preferred method, k1, p1, *k2, p1* repeat ** to end of round

Round 24: *k1, p2* repeat to end of round

Farrow Rib:

Round 25: *k2, p1* repeat to end of round

Round 26: *k1, p2* repeat to end of round

Repeat Rounds 24 and 25 nine times more, or until approximately one inch shorter than desired length

Rounds 26 - 35: *k2, p1* repeat to end of round

BO loosley in pattern

Thumb

Place 17 gusset stitches back onto needles. With new yarn pick up 4 stitches then proceed with established *k2, p1* until end of round.

Repeat *k2, p1* round until desired length.

Bind off in pattern.

Using tail from joining new yarn stitch closed any gap at base of thumb.

Weave in ends.

Repeat for second mitt.

Enjoy!

