



Thumbless Toddler Mitts



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These quick-to-knit mitts are warm and cozy – and quick to get on and off of squirmy little fingers! They require only a small amount of yarn (use up those scraps!) and make a great canvas for embellishing to suit your little one's personality.

Materials Needed:

- Approximately 75 - 150 yards of worsted weight yarn
- Size US 7/ 4.5mm double-pointed needles
- 2 stitch markers
- Yarn needle for grafting and weaving ends.

Gauge:

20 sts and 24 rows per 4" in st st

Note for beginners:

All the increases, decreases, cast-on and finishing techniques used in this pattern can be learned at <http://www.knittinghelp.com>

The Pattern:

Pattern written for 6-12 (12-18, 18-24) month sizes.

Using the long-tail method, cast on 18 (24, 30) sts and divide equally over three needles. On each needle: 6 (8 10) sts. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work in 1x1 ribbing for 7 (12, 17) rnds.

Inc rnd – [K3, M1] around – 24 (32, 40) sts.



Work even for 10 (14, 18) rnds.



Next rnd – K12 (16, 20), PM, k to end

Dec rnd – *K1, k2tog, knit to within 3 sts of marker then SSK, K1, slip marker, repeat from *

Work 2 rnds even - 20 (28, 36) sts.

Repeat Dec rnd and work two rows even – 16 (24, 32) sts.

Repeat Dec row and work ONE row even - 12 (20, 28) sts

Distribute evenly on two needles and graft together using the Kitchener method.

Pull tail to inside of mitten, turn right-side-in, weave in ends, flip out and you're read to go!

Variations & Embellishing Ideas:

- Add a few rows of fair-isle or mosaic colorwork in the “work even” rows after increasing.
- Use embroidery techniques and/or duplicate stitch to embellish after finishing.
- Add fringe to the fingertips for “tickle mitts”
- Crochet or I-cord a through-the-sleeves cord to avoid losing mitts.
- Make a fold-over ribbed cuff by knitting twice the number of rows of ribbing.
- Want a rounder top? Hate kitchenering? Work extra decrease rnds with only one row worked evenly between each. When desired number of sts remain, cut yarn and thread through remaining sts, pull to tighten.
- Use much larger needles and work the largest size using non-superwash wool, then felt for extra cozy mitts. (Sizing will obviously be somewhat unpredictable.)
- Crochet or knit flowers in a contrasting color/texture and attach securely to mitts.
- Use contrasting colors for ribbing section, or use a solid to match a variegated mitt.

Questions? Want to see More? Want to show off pictures of your finished mitts?

See the blog: <http://www.hookedupknits.wordpress.com>

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