

Kidstuff - Thrummed Mittens

These mittens are sure to keep hands warm and cozy for the duration of the snowball fight. The more they are worn the more compact the thrums will become, creating a dense layer of insulation. These mittens work up quick for grade school sized hands. Increase in multiples of 4 for larger sized hands.

30 grams (approximately 75 yards) worsted weight wool yarn
 ½ ounce wool roving or top
 Size 6 DPS's (or circ's for magic loop or 2 circs)
 or size needed for gauge



Gauge 5 ½ stitches = 1' (22 stitches = 4") in stockinette

Thrum Chart:

		T				T		6
								5
								4
								3
								2
T				T				1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Pull out bits of roving the length of the staple (at least 3 inches) and about as big around as a pencil. These are your thrums and you will need about 56 of them for each mitten.

Loosely cast on 36 stitches and join to work in the round, placing a marker to note the end of round. Work in K1 P1 ribbing for 12 rounds or 2" from cast on edge.

Knit 2 rounds, then begin Thrum chart. At each T in the chart, insert the right needle as if to knit, wrap the thrum around the needle and knit the stitch (don't use the working yarn, just carry it behind the thrum).

Thumb Gusset:

At Round 8 in the chart, maintaining thrummed pattern, work an increase at the beginning and end of the round K1, M1, knit to last stitch, M1, K1- 38 stitches.

Round 10 K2, M1, knit to last 2 stitches, M1, K2 - 40 stitches

Round 11 and all odd rounds knit

Round 12 K3, M1, knit to last 3 stitches, M1, K3 - 42 stitches

Round 14 K4, M1, knit to last 4 stitches, M1 K4 - 44 stitches

Round 16 work even to last 4 stitches. Place the last 4 and first 4 stitches (these stitches are centered on the end of round marker). Using the knit on cast on method or cable cast on method, cast on 4 stitches. the count should now be back to 36.

Continue working in pattern for a total of 31 rounds. Begin top decreases:

Round 32: *K3, K2 tog*

Round 33 knit

Round 34 *K2, K2 tog*

Round 35 knit

Round 36 *K2 tog*

Round 37 *K2 tog* 6 stitches remain. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail, thread it onto a tapestry needle and run the yarn through all live stitches twice and pull taut. Weave in end.

Thumb

Pick up the 8 stitches from the holder and pick up 6 additional stitches from the edge of the thumb opening, for a total of 14 thumb stitches. Knit even for 8 rounds

Next: K2 tog, K4, K2 tog, knit 6 - 12 stitches remain

Next *K2 tog* 6 stitches remain

Next *K 2 tog* 3 stitches remain.

Cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail, thread yarn onto a tapestry needle and run through the 3 remaining stitches twice and pull taut.

Turn inside out and trim thrums as needed.

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