

Child's Simple Striped Mittens

an original design by Sivia Harding, based on Elizabeth Zimmerman's adult mitten pattern that appeared in the book Knitting Without Tears.

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Child's version of an Elizabeth Zimmerman classic, with stripes!

Finished Measurements

7" around hand, 6" long from cast on row to tip

Materials and Tools

- Worsted weight yarn, small amount in two colors, MC and CC
- Knitting needles: US 3 (3.25 mm), set of 4 double pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge
- Stitch holder or thread
- Yarn needle

Gauge

20 sts = 4"/10cm in Stockinette Stitch (knit every round)
Always take time to check your gauge.

Special Stitches

M1 (make 1): Insert tip of left needle from front to back under strand of yarn between needles, and knit into the back of this loop.

SSK (slip, slip, knit): Slip a stitch as if to knit to right-hand needle, slip a second stitch as if to knit, slip both stitches back to left-hand needle and knit together through back loops.

Mitten (make 2)

Cast on 28 stitches and distribute on 3 double-pointed needles.

For next 8 rounds, work K3, P1 rib.

Next round - decrease, working (K2, SSK) 7 times around. - 21 sts

For next 3 rounds, knit even.

Next round - increase, working (K3, M1) 7 times around. - 28 sts

For next 9 rounds, knit even. (If working mitten with stripe, work 7 rounds in MC, then change to CC and work 2 more rounds.)

Next row - start thumb: For right mitten, knit 1 st, put next 5 sts on holder or thread, cast on 5 sts using backward loop cast on, then continue knitting around. For left mitten, knit 22 sts, put next 5 sts on holder or thread, cast on 5 sts using backward loop cast on, then finish the round by knitting 1 st.

Knit 14 rounds even. (For striped mitten, continue knitting w/ CC for 7 rounds, then change to MC for 7 more rounds.)

Next round - decrease, working (SSK, K3, K2tog) 4 times around. - 20 sts

Next round - knit even

Next round - decrease, working (SSK, K1, K2tog) 4 times around. - 12 sts

Next round - decrease, working (SSK, K1) 4 times around. - 8 sts

Pull yarn through remaining sts and fasten.



Thumb:

Put 5 held sts on needle and knit across. (If working stripe, use CC.)

Pick up one stitch on each side and 6 sts from cast-on sts on top, giving you 13 picked up sts for thumb.

Distribute on 3 needles.

Knit 9 rounds even.

Next round - decrease, working (K1, SSK) 3 times and (SSK) 2 times. - 8 sts

Pull yarn through remaining sts and fasten.

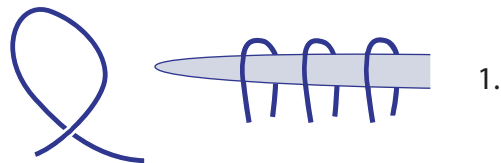
If necessary, close hole on side of thumb with yarn tail. Weave in ends.

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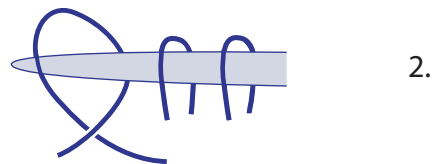
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Backward Loop Cast On for Thumb Gusset

1. Make a loop with yarn, making sure that the yarn end is caught on the inside of the loop next to the needle.



2. Slide loop onto right needle.



3. Snug new stitch around needle.

