

Lewes

We're often asked at shows about what you can use our mini skein sets for and instead of the usual list of stripes, heels and toes and crochet squares we came up with these mittens. Perfect for mini skeins or for scraps and ideal as a last minute gift. The mittens are knit in the round with a two-colour rib, a simple slipstitch pattern and an after thought thumb. The pattern is written in one size but is easy to size up or down.

Materials

Multi colour mittens: 1 x 100g Ainsworth & Prin Classic Sock Mini Skein Set 80% Super-wash merino, 20% Nylon (5 x 20g/80m)

Or 45g of sock weight yarn

One set of 2.25mm/US 1 double pointed needles or size to obtain tension

Stitch marker

Waste yarn

Needle for sewing in ends

Size

19cm/7 1/2in circumference, un-stretched across the palm.

21cm/8 1/4in long.

Tension

18 sts x 24 rounds to 5cm over slip stitch pattern

Pattern Notes

The pattern is a simple three stitch repeat. To increase or reduce the size simply add or subtract stitches in a multiple of three. To make the cuff longer or shorter add or subtract multiples of the six round pattern before you knit the waste yarn for the thumb.

For a two-coloured mitt change the colour of the working yarn every three rounds of the main pattern. After the thumb section work a further 30 rounds to balance the pattern before the i-cord cast-off.

Abbreviations

C: colour

k: knit

p: purl

rep: repeat

St/s: stitch/es

sl: slip the next stitch purlwise with yarn at back

R: round

LH: left hand

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together

ssk: slip, slip, knit. Slip the next two stitches knitwise, one at a time, return to the LH needle in their new orientation and knit together through back loops.

tbl: through the back loops

Multi-coloured Mitten – make 2

Cast on
Using 2.25mm needles and C1 cast on 60 sts using the long tail method, join in the round being careful not to twist the cast on edge. Place marker to indicate beginning of round.

Rib

Keeping the yarn not in use at the WS of the work continue as follows.

R 1: * Using C1 p1, using C2 k2; rep from * to end.

R 2-3: Rep round 1. R 4: * Using C1 p1, using C3 k2; rep from * until end.

R 5-6: Rep round 4.

R 7: * Using C1 p1, using C4 k2; rep from * until end.

R 8-9: Rep round 7.

R 10: * Using C1 p1, using C5 k2; rep from * until end.

R 11-12: Rep round 10.

Main Slip Stitch Pattern

R 1-3: With C1 knit.

R 4-6: With C2, * sl1, k2; rep from * to end.

R 7-9: With C2 knit.

R 10-12: With C3, * sl1, k2; rep from * to end.

R 13-15: With C3 knit.

R 16-18: With C4, * sl1, k2; rep from * to end.

R 19-21: With C4 knit.

R 22-24: With C5, * sl1, k2; rep from * to end.

R 25-27: With C5 knit.

R 28-30: With C1, * sl1, k2; rep from * to end.

Repeat rounds 1-25

Round 26: With waste yarn k10, return the 10 sts just knit back to the left hand needle. With C5 knit to end.

Round 27: Knit.

Continuing in pattern work rounds 28 - 30, then work rounds 1 - 27 once more, changing colour as required.

I-cord cast off

With C5 cast on 3 sts using the cable method.

*K2, ssk (the third st of those you just cast on and the first st from the main work). Slip 3 sts purl-wise from right to left needle; rep from * to last three sts.

When you reach the last three sts slip them purl-wise back to the LH needle; k2tog, k1.

Transfer the two sts to the LH needle; k2togtbl.

Afterthought Thumb

Using 2.25mm needles, pick up the right leg or side of the 10 C5 stitches under the waste yarn. Using another 2.25mm needle repeat for the 10 C5 stitches above the waste yarn. You now have two needles with 10 stitches each. Carefully remove the waste yarn ensuring all stitches are safely on the needles. Using yarn C1 knit across the stitches on needle 1 Pick up 1 stitch from the side of the thumbhole. Knit across the 10 stitches on needle 2 pick up 1 stitch from the side of the thumbhole. 22sts.

Arrange the stitches over three needles and join in the round.

Knit 10 rounds.

I-cord cast off

With C1 repeat the i-cord cast-off as for the top of the mitten.

Block the two mittens with one thumb aligned for left hand and one for the right.