BI-COLOR FINGERLESS OR FULL MITTS

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Create vertical lines without stranding or slipping any stitches. You choose whether you want the full coverage of a mitten, or to let your fingers be free.

Size(s)

Adult - One size fits most

Materials

yards worsted or heavy-worsted weight yarn. Photo sample knit in Interlacements Oregon Worsted (100% Merino Wool) 560yds/8oz. per skein, color #201, and Knit Picks Bare Natural (100% Peruvian wool) 220 yds/100gr.

1 set US Size 8 (5mm) double point needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Smooth waste yarn

Gauge

3.75 sts = 1" over pattern stitch

Notes

- **k1B = Knit One Below**, insert right needle tip into the stitch immediately below the next stitch on the left needle, knit as usual, as you complete the stitch, let the un-knit "upper" stitch slip off and drop off of the left needle.
- When working the BI-COLOR pattern, you will alternate yarn colors every round. It will take two rounds to look like one round has been knit.

BI-COLOR PATTERN

Round 1: Color B,*(k1, k1B)*, repeat from * to * to end of row **Round 2:** Color A, *(k1B, k1)*, repeat from * to * to end of row

CUFF

With Color A *very loosely*, cast on 28 stitches. Work 1 x 1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 5 rounds.

Work Bi-Color Pattern until piece measures $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " (11cm) from cast on edge ending after working a Round 2.

THUMB GUSSET INCREASES

Round 1: Color B, work 14 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color B strand, work in pattern to end of round = 29 sts.

Round 2: Color A, work 14 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color A strand, k1, work in pattern to end of round = 30 sts.

Rounds 3 & 4: Work in Bi-Color Pattern

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Round 5: Color B, work 17 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color B strand, k1B, work in pattern to end of round =31 sts.

Round 6: Color A, work 18 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color A strand, k1, work in pattern to end of round = 32 sts.

Rounds 7 & 8: Work in Bi-Color Pattern

Round 9: Same as Round 1 = 33 sts.

Round 10: Same as Round 2 = 34 sts.

Round 11 & 12: Work in Bi-Color Pattern

Round 13: Color B, work 21 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color B strand, k1B, work in pattern to end of round =35 sts.

Round 14: Color A, work 22 sts in pattern, M1 lifted increase in a Color A strand, k1, work in pattern to end of round = 36 sts.

Work 6 rounds in Bi-Color pattern (3 repeats of the 2-row pattern stitch).

HAND

Work the first 14 sts in pattern. Slip the next 9 sts onto waste yarn, cast on 1 stitch with a backward loop,k1B, work in pattern to end of round = 28 sts.

Continue in BI-COLOR pattern for 2" (5cm) above the thumb gap for fingerless mitts, and xxx(cm) for full mittens ending after working a Round 2 or to desired length.

FINGERLESS MITTS

Break color B yarn leaving a tail for weaving.

Work 1 x 1 ribbing for 4 rounds. Bind off in pattern.

FINGERLESS MITTS THUMB

Remove waste yarn and slip the 9 sts evenly distributed onto 3 needles.

With Color B, pick up and knit 1 st at the gap where the hand resumed.

Work 4 rounds (2 repeats of the pattern stitch) adding Color A as needed.

Break Color B.

With Color A, work 1 x 1 ribbing for 4 rounds. Bind off in pattern.

Weave in all ends. Block & enjoy!

FULL MITTENS Top of Hand

Note: "slip 2, k1, p2sso" is a vertical double decrease worked by slipping the next 2 stitches knitwise, knit the next stitch, then pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch and let fall as in a bind off.

Round 1: With Color B, k1, k1B, slip 2, k1 p2sso, (k1B, k1) twice, k1B, slip 2 k1, p2sso, k1B, k1, k1B slip 2, k1, p2sso, (k1B, k1) twice, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B = 20 sts.

Round 2: Same as Round 2 of BI-COLOR pattern

Round 3: Same as Round 1 of BI-COLOR pattern

Round 4: Same as Round 2 of BI-COLOR pattern

Round 5: With Color B, k1, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B, k1, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B = 12 sts.

Break Color B leaving a tail for weaving in later.

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Round 6: Same as Round 2 of BI-COLOR pattern. Break Color A leaving a 8" (20cm) tail.

Thread yarn tail through the remaining 12 stitches and gather snugly. Secure yarn tail.

FULL MITTENS THUMB

Remove waste yarn and slip the 8 sts onto the *larger* sized needles.

With Color B, pick up 2 stitches at the gap where the hand resumed, divide sts onto 3 double point needles and work Row 1 of BI-COLOR pattern.

Attach Color A and continue to work rounds of BI-COLOR pattern until thumb measures 2" (5cm) from pick up round ending after working a Row 2 of pattern.

Next Round: With Color B, k1, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B, slip 2, k1, p2sso, k1B

Break Color B leaving a tial for weaving in later.

Next Round: Same as Round 2 of BI-COLOR pattern. Break Color A leaving a 8" (20cm) tail.

Thread yarn tail through the remaining 6 stitches and gather snugly. Secure yarn tail.

Weave in yarn tails. Block. Enjoy!

Many thanks to test knitter Sandi Benward for testing the Fingerless Mitts!