



Libernating Mitts

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These easy to wear and easy to knit mitts are completely reversible. Made in a mock cable stitch {formed without the use of a cable needle}, they sport...

cables on one side



and ribbing on the other



Size/Hand Circumference:

Small—5 to 6 1/2", Medium—6 1/2 to 8", Large—8 to 9 1/2"

Finished Circumference Before Stretching:

Small—5", Medium—5 1/2", Large—6"

Length: As desired

Note: These mitts are very stretchy and can accommodate a range of sizes. Make yours as you like them, snug or roomy.

Gauge: 23 stitches = 4" in stockinette stitch using US 5/3.75mm double point needles

Yarn: Cascade 220 Superwash or similar worsted weight yarn

Needles: US 5/3.75 double point needles or size needed to attain gauge

The Pattern

Cast on 36 (44, 48) stitches. Divide as evenly as possible on 3 or 4 double point needles and join in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Place a marker after the first stitch of the round so that you will know where the round begins and ends.

Rounds 1-3: *K2, p2; repeat from * around.

Round 4: *Knit into the first two stitches as if you were going to knit 2 together but do not slide the stitches off of the left needle, instead insert the tip of the right hand needle between the 2 stitches just knitted together, and knit into the first stitch on the left needle again, slide both stitches off of the left needle together (you now have 2 stitches on the right needle). Purl 2. Repeat from * around.

Repeat Rounds 1-4 until you have reached the desired length to the thumbhole ending with Round 4. Make your mitts as long or as short as you like.

Make Thumbhole

Knit the first two stitches of the round. Bring the yarn forward as if to purl, slip the next stitch purlwise from the left to the right needle, move the yarn to the back of the work. *Slip the next stitch purlwise from the left to the right needle, pass the second stitch on the right needle over the first stitch as if to bind off. Repeat from * 5 (6, 7) times for a total of 6 (7, 8) bound off stitches. Slip the last bound off stitch from the right needle back to the left needle. Turn the work. Using the cable cast on, cast on 7 (8, 9) stitches. Turn work. Slip the first stitch on the left needle over to the right needle and pass the extra cast-on stitch on the right needle over it to close the buttonhole. Resume knitting the rest of the round in Round 1 of the pattern.

Continue in pattern until your mitt is the length desired ending with Round 4 of pattern. The sample mitts have 4 (4, 6) pattern repeats from the beginning of the buttonhole. Bind off in pattern.

Finishing

Reinforce thumbhole if desired by working buttonhole stitch or crochet edge around the thumbhole opening.

Buttonhole Stitch: Thread a 20" length of yarn on a tapestry needle. Begin at the lower right hand side of the thumbhole, with the cable side of the mitt facing you. Leaving a tail long enough to weave in later, anchor the yarn by inserting the tapestry needle through a stitch on the rib side of the work. Bring the tapestry needle up through the piece from the rib side of the work to the cable side. Insert the needle down into the knitting, coming out through the thumbhole opening. As you pull the stitch through, a loop will be formed on the top of your work. Bring the tapestry needle up through the loop as you tighten the stitch. Continue in this manner across the lower thumb opening. When you reach the end of the lower thumbhole, turn the work, and continue across the top of the thumbhole (cable side of work still facing you). Once you have worked your way across the top of the thumb opening, turn and join the first and last stitch. Weave in and trim all ends.