# Ass Nuses Designs



Minstres Mittens

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These mitts are inspired by cold practice halls. Music warms the soul, but it takes time and effort. While waiting for the sweet strains to reach your hands, these mitts will allow you to keep your fingers on the strings without dropping your instrument!

**Size:** Women's small. To make larger mitts, go up in your needle size or switch to chunky yarn.

**Finished Measurements:** 7 inch hand circumference

# **Materials:**

Patons Décor Burgundy

\*My model is allergic to wool. If you wish to use 100% wool, pick your favourite worsted weight.

Needles: 3.75 mm

- Safety pin or stitch holder for thumb stitches
- Tapestry needle

Gauge: 6 sts/inch in stocking stitch

### **Notes**

m1L by lifting loop between the stitches from the front, knit into the back of loop m2R by lifting loop between the stitches from the back, knit into the front of the loop

**Pattern sts:** These mitts use a pattern with a 4 row repeat.

Row 1: k2, p2 (repeat to end of round) Row 2: k1, mk 1\*, k1, p2 (repeat to end of round) Row 3: k3, p2 (repeat to end of round) Row 4: sl 1, k2, psso, p2 (repeat to end of round)

\*mk1 by inserting your needle from back to front in the ladder of the row below and knit into the back of the needle.

## **Pattern**

Cast on 36 sts. Being careful not to twist the stitches, join work and k2, p2 until work measures 4 inches.

# Start pattern

Row 1: k2, p2 (repeat to end of round)

Row 2: k1, mk1, k1, p2 (repeat to end of round)

Row 3: k3, p2 (repeat to end of round)

Row 4: sl 1, k2, psso, p2 (repeat to end of round)

**Start Thumb Gusset:** This thumb gusset is knit in between the first purl sts. While continuing pattern, start the thumb on the next row like this...

Row 5: k2, p1, m1R, p1, \*k2, p2 (repeat from \* to end of round)

Row 6: k1, mk1, k1, p1, k3 p1, \*k1, mk1, k1, p2 (repeat from \* to end of round)

Row 7: k3, p1, m1R, k3, m1L, \*k3, p2 (repeat from \* to end of round)

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Row 8: sl1, k2, psso, p1, k5, p1, \* sl1, k2, psso, p2 (repeat from \* to end of round)

Continue doing this until there are 9 sts in between the first purl sts of the round.

Next row: sl1, k2, psso, p1, slip 9 sts for thumb onto a safety pin, cast on 5 sts, p1, \* sl1, k2, psso, p2 (repeat from \* to end of round)

Continue pattern sts until the mitt measures 7 inches K2, p2 for ½ inch Cast off in rib.

**Thumb:** Transfer 9 stitches from the pin onto two needles. Pick up and knit 5 sts along the top of the thumb.

Knit 5 rounds.

Cast off. Weave in the ends and darn up the holes at the base of the thumb (I can't be the only one who gets these!) and play on!





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