

# Daniel's Mittens

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These simple mittens were made specifically to fit my almost-6 yr-old. I like a dense, firm mitten to keep out the cold, a generous cuff length, and a snuggish fit so you don't end up with big, floppy, clumsy hands. Oh, and the boy insisted on green. You can choose your own color.



**Finished Measurements:** 6 ¼" around hand, 3" across palm, 2 ½" cuff length, 5" from end of cuff to fingertips, 3 ½" from end of gusset to fingertips.

**To fit:** 5.5" around the widest part of hand, 3.5" from where the thumb meets the fingers to the fingertips.

**Yarn requirements:** 70 yards of Three Irish Girls Galaenas Chunky or Springvale Bulky yarn, or a bulky weight yarn of your choice.

**Needles:** US 8 / 5mm or those required to obtain specified gauge. Dpns or circulars for Magic Loop, depending on your preferred way to knit in the round.

**Gauge:** 15 stitches and 23 rows per 4"

**Notions:** A little scrap yarn (to hold thumb stitches as you work the hand), a darning needle (you'll need one with a large eye that you can thread thick yarn through!), and an optional stitch marker.

## Abbreviations:

**BOR** – beginning of round

**dpn(s)** – double-pointed needle(s)

**k2tog** – knit 2 sts together

**m1L** – increase 1 stitch by picking up the strand between the needles from the front and knitting into the back of it

**m1R** – increase 1 stitch by picking up the strand between the needles from the back and knitting into the front of it

**ssk** – slip slip knit: slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, insert the left needle through both sts from the left side and knit them together

**st(s)** – stitch(es)

**rnd(s)** – round(s)

## Instructions:

Cast on 22 sts and join to work in the round. Place stitch marker if you like to have the Beginning of Round (BOR) marked.

**Round 1:** [k1,p1] around

Repeat this ribbing round until the cuff is 2 ½ " long, or as long as you'd like it.

To start the base of the hand, work in stockinette stitch (knit every round) for 5 rounds.

Now we start to increase for the thumb gusset. The thumb will be at the opposite side of where your BOR is.

**Gusset Rnd 1:** K10, m1L, k2, m1R, k10 (24 sts)

**Gusset Rnd 2** (and every alternate round): knit

**Gusset Rnd 3:** K10, m1l, k4, m1r, k10 (26 sts)

**Gusset Rnd 5:** K10, m1l, k6, m1r, k10 (28 sts)

At this point, we have enough thumb stitches and will place them on scrap yarn to be worked later.

**Next Rnd:** K10, then slip next 8 sts from needle and onto scrap yarn. With the working yarn, and using the Backwards Loop method, cast on 2 sts, then knit the remaining 10 sts to complete the round. (22 sts)

Work in stockinette stitch (knit every round), until hand measures 2 ½ " from the join after the gusset. Or, if you have the little hand of the intended mitten-wearer nearby, try it in for size and knit until you are 1" from the desired finished length.

**Hand Decrease Round 1:** [K1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1] twice (18 sts remaining)

**Rounds 2 and 4:** knit

**Round 3:** [K1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1] twice (14 sts remaining)

**Round 5:** [K1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1] twice (10 sts remaining)

Graft remaining sts together (5 front to 5 back sts) with kitchener stitch.

### **Returning to the thumb...**

Transfer the 8 thumb sts from scrap yarn onto needles. Pick up one stitch in the corner between the thumb sts and where you had previously cast on 2 sts for the hand (with the thumb sts to the right and the CO sts to the left, as you look at your work), then pick up 2 sts at the bottom of the 2 CO sts, then pick up another st in the corner between the CO sts and the original thumb sts. You now have 12 sts.

**Next Round:** Knit 7 sts (the first 7 sts that were on the scrap yarn), ssk (this will remove the first "corner stitch", k 2 (from the 2 CO sts), k2tog (this will remove the second "corner stitch"), leaving 10 sts on the needles.

Work in stockinette stitch (knitting every round) until the thumb measures 1 ½" (or ¼" shorter than the desired finished length). It doesn't matter where your beginning of round is – any random stopping spot will do. Now [k2tog] 7 times, until you have 3 sts remaining. Cut yarn and thread through these sts, and tug to close up.

Sew in yarn ends, make a second mitten, place on cold little hands.