

CANDY CORN MITTENS

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Halloween is one of my favorite holidays of the year! While I know October in Florida is definitely nowhere near cold or chilly, I could not resist knitting a pair of mittens to celebrate the coming Fall season. Like traditional candy corn, these mittens are knitted with a short section of yellow, a long orange middle, and a creamy white top. In researching Candy Corn I found there are other types too! You can have candy corn all year round!!!

- Indian Corn - White, Orange, Brown
- Reindeer Corn - White, Green, Red
- Cupid Corn - White, Pink, Red
- Easter Bunny Corn - White & Pastels

Yarn - Cascade 220 Yarn

White #8505

Blaze (Orange) #9542

Neon Yellow #7828

Needles:

16" - US 8 circular

5" - Set of (5) US 7 DPNs

Other:

Tapestry Needle

Row Counter

Waste Yarn



Abbreviations & Helpful Video Links

K - Knit

Kitchener Stitch - (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7jlzwO5Nv4>) Credit to www.theknitwitch.com

K2TOG - Knit Two Together

M1F - Make One Front (<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>) Credit to www.knittinghelp.com

M1A - Make One Away (<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>) Credit to

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P - Purl

PM - Place Marker

RM - Remove Marker

SKPO - Slip, Knit, Pass slip stitch over as if to bind off

Sts - Stitches

Cuff

(Long Tail) Cast On 40 Stitches on US 8 circular with **NEON YELLOW**. Carefully transfer sts evenly onto 4 DPNs and join in the round, being careful not to twist the foundation row.

Note: I like the Long Tail Cast On as the tail will always show me where my row begins.

Rows

01-12: K1, P1

13-18: Knit (aka 6 rows)

Thumb Gusset - Right

19: K18, PM, K4, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

20: Knit

21: K18, PM, K5, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

22: Knit

23: K18, PM, K6, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

24: Knit

25: K18, PM, K7, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

26: Knit

27: K18, PM, K8, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

28: Change to **ORANGE**, Knit

29: K18, PM, K9, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

30: Knit

31: K18, PM, K10, M1F, PM, Knit to end of round

33: K18, RM, Using tapestry needle w/waste yarn, place 11 gusset stitches onto waste yarn and secure, RM, *M1A - 4 times over gusset opening*, Knit remaining stitches



Thumb Gusset - Left

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Palm of Mitten

34-51: Knit (aka 18 rows)

On final row, leave 12" of orange yarn and cut

Top of Mitten

52: Change to **WHITE**, Knit

53-57: Knit (aka 5 rows)

58:* K1, SKPO, Knit to the last three stitches on Second Needle, K2TOG, K1*. Repeat directions for needles 3 & 4. (36 Stitches)

59: *K1, SKPO, Knit to the last three stitches on Second Needle, K2TOG, K1*. Repeat directions for needles 3 & 4. (32 Stitches)

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62: *K1, SKPO, Knit to the last three stitches on Second Needle, K2TOG, K1*. Repeat directions for needles 3 & 4. (20 Stitches)

Combine needles 1 & 2 onto one DPN, combine needles 3 & 4 onto a second DPN. Leave 18" of white yarn and cut. Graft top of mitten using the Kitchener Stitch.

Thumb

63: Slide the 11 stitches from the waste yarn onto three needles (5 - 5 - 1). Using ORANGE yarn pickup 9 stitches(4 on needle three, five on needle 4) over the topside of the thumb gusset. (20 stitches) Join in the round.

64-75: Knit (aka 12 rows)

76: *K1, K2TOG, K1 ,K1* (16 Stitches)

77: Knit

78: *K1, K2TOG, K1* (12 Stitches)

79: Knit

80: *K1, K2TOG* (8 Stitches)

Leave at least 12" of orange yarn to work with and place tapestry needle on the yarn. Slip remaining 8 stitches onto tapestry needle, draw in tight, and poke through the center of the circle. Weave in yarn end.

Additional Credits:

I would love to thank Megan at PensiveFrog for creating a wonderful and super easy way to knit mittens with her Peekaboo Mitten pattern, originally published in the February 2007 version of Magknits. It is currently hosted and posted on Ravelry at this time. Her simple to follow directions allowed me to knit my very first pair of mittens and showed me how really fun they can be. Thank you Megan!!!

Happy Halloween all year round!

