

Knit Gradient Mitts

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Use bulky yarn in two matching colors to work up these quick and easy ninja mitts!

This is a fantastic project for beginner knitters bored with scarves – just don't be scared off by the double pointed needles, which are very easy to use once you get the hang of them. By knitting in the round with DPNs, you only need to know the knit stitch (no purling) and there will be no seams to sew.

You need

- ▶ 30{35, 40} yards / 27{32, 37} meters each of two colors of bulky yarn, or multiple strands of finer yarn held together (2 strands aran, 3 strands worsted, 4 strands DK/sport weight)
- ▶ a set of size US 11 double pointed needles
- ▶ a tapestry/yarn needle

Gauge

3 sts per inch / 2.5 cm, in stockinette.

Sizing

Pattern is for sizes small{medium, large}. Pictured are small and large.

Small will fit kids or women with smallish hands, medium is for most women, and large is for most men.



Pattern

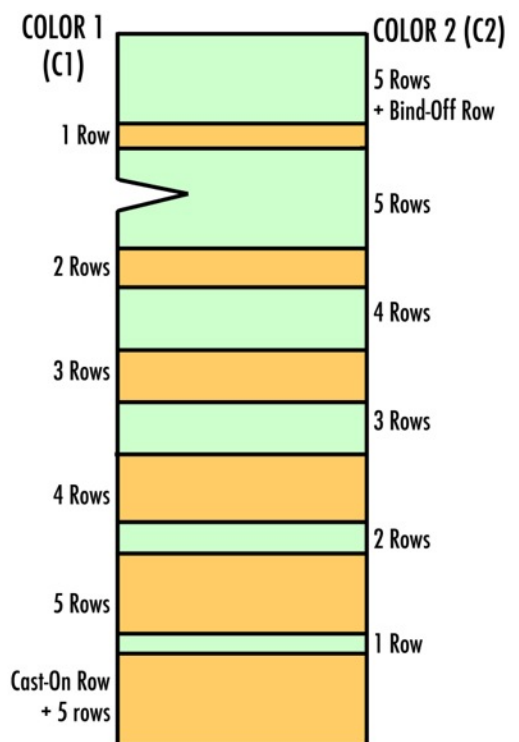
Step 1: Cast-on.

Cast on 18{21, 24} stitches around 3 double pointed needles with Color 1 (C1), so there will be 6{7, 8} stitches on each needle (pictured left top - with multiple strands of yarn held together to equal a bulky yarn weight).

Step 2: Knit up to the thumbhole.

2a. Join in a circle and knit 5 rows in the round with C1, then knit one row with the second yarn color (C2). Switch back to C1, with the tail end of C2 over C1 working yarn from left to right, and the working end of C2 over C1 from right to left (pictured left center). Bringing the new yarn underneath and over the old when changing colors prevents holes at the seam.

2b. Following the chart for color changes, knit up to the C2 stripe that includes the thumbhole. Carry the yarn up across the stripes without tension, and bring the new yarn over the old with each change. Knit the first stitch of each new stripe a bit more loosely than the rest to allow for stretch at the seam. (pictured left bottom - how the color change seam should look when turned inside out.)





Step 3: Make the thumbhole.

3a. Knit the first 2 rows of the 5 row C2 stripe normally. On the third row, bind off 4{5, 6} stitches in the center of the first needle for the left-hand mitt, the third needle for the right-hand mitt (pictured left, top).

3b. Knit around to the hole, then cast back on those 4{5, 6} stitches using a single cast-on (also called wrap cast-on or loop cast-on) (pictured left, center). Cast on the thumbhole stitches tightly, since they will become looser when you knit into them. Finish knitting that row, and knit the last row of the C2 stripe normally.

Step 4: Finish and repeat.

4a. Finish knitting the mitt in color pattern up to the top, then bind off (pictured left, bottom). Bind off not too tightly, but also not too loosely to prevent curling.

4b. Tie off and weave in the ends.

4c. Repeat all steps for the second mitt.



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