

## Easy Mittens (with or without Thumbs)

### Supplies:

3-4 oz Aran weight (or whatever weight gives you

the gauge below) yarn

Size 3 and 4 DPN's (or whatever size gives you the

gauge below)

Waste yarn

Tapestry needle

Gauge 7 stitches per inch.

Sized for 18mths to 3yrs. For other sizes, take wrist measurement and multiply by 7 to get the correct CO number. You will need to adjust the number of rows knit on ribbing, straight for the hand length and for the thumb. It's not quite as difficult as it sounds...just requires measurements and a little math.

CO 38 st, distribute as evenly as possible among 3 needles. Join working 12 rows of K1P1 ribbing.

Row 13 (Decrease row): \*K2, K2 together. Repeat from \*.

Row 14-15: Knit in rib pattern distinguished by row 13

(should be K2P1).

Row 16 (Increase row): Switching to larger needles,

inc in every 3rd stitch.

Row 17: Repeat increase row OR omit for trimmer

fitting mittens.

Knit 3 rows, decreasing last 4 stitches on last row with

a K2 tog, K2 tog.

Next row (Row 20 if omitting 2nd inc. , row 21

otherwise): K6 on different colored/waste yarn, pass

back to left needle. Knit regular for 16 rows. (see

NOTE at the end)

1st Decrease row: \*K2 together, K15. Repeat from \*.  
Knit 1 row.

2nd Decrease row: \*K2 together, K2. Repeat from \*.  
Knit 2 rows.

3rd Decrease row: \*K2 together, K1. Repeat from \*.  
Knit 2 rows.

4th Decrease row: \*K2 together. Repeat from \*.  
Graft or weave remaining stitches to finish off.

NOTE: If going thumbless, omit row 20/21 for making

the thumb opening and ALL of the "Thumb"

instructions

Thumb: CAREFULLY remove waste yarn from 6

stitches.

Pick up 6 stitches plus 4 (2 on each "side" of thumb

opening to close the hole).

Knit 12 rounds.

Decrease with K2 together through end of row 13.

Graft or weave finish as before.

Knit an I-Cord or hook a chain long enough for your child to comfortably wear the mittens under a coat and attach to mittens. To get a pretty good measurement for this, have your child put their hands straight out in front of them and measure from wrist to the middle of the back. For a little extra room, add 2 inches to this measurement.