

Roman Holiday Mitts

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I lost the tag for the yarn that I made these from, but I remember the color way was called Audrey Hepburn, which inspired the name for these.

These fingerless mitts are a good beginner project with an easy to remember pattern stitch. They work up quickly so they are a lovely idea for a last minute gift. As the pattern stitch is worked all the way around, there is no difference between the left and right hand mitts. The cables can easily be done without a cable needle, or using a spare double pointed needle, if you don't want to use a cable needle. I designed these on double pointed needles but this can easily be adapted for any other method that you prefer.

Yarn: Approx 100 yards of worsted weight yarn
Gauge: 12 stitches and 12 rows = 2" in pattern stitch
Needles: 5mm (US Size 8) double pointed needles
Notions: Stitch marker, small amount of waste yarn in contrasting color

(Note: The mitt will seem narrow, but stretches once put on. The gauge is based on the size of the mitt before it is stretched.)

Abbreviations:

C4B: Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at back of work. K2 from left needle, then 2 from the cable needle.

C4F: Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at front of work. K2 from left needle, then 2 from the cable needle.

Make two mitts as follows:

Cast on 36 stitches. Place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist.

Work k2, p2 ribbing for 10 rows.

Begin pattern stitch:

Row 1-2: Knit
Row 3: *C4B, k2* repeat around
Row 4-6: Knit
Row 7: *k2, C4F* repeat around
Row 8: Knit

Repeat rows 1-8 of pattern stitch three times. (Do 2 repeats for shorter mitt, or additional repeats for longer mitt.)

Create space for thumb:

At beginning of next row, knit first 6 stitches onto waste yarn.

(Note: I recommend using a yarn that is a very different color from your main yarn so that it is easily visible.)

Put the 6 stitches just knit onto the waste yarn back on left needle, as if starting the beginning of the row.

Using main yarn, knit rows 1-8 of the pattern stitch once more.

Work k2, p2 ribbing for 4 rows and bind off loosely.

Work thumb:

Carefully pull out the waste yarn and place the 12 live stitches back on your needles.

Pick up one additional stitch in each corner (14 stitches total) and arrange evenly on the needles.

Join main yarn and knit around for 6 rows.

Bind off loosely and weave in all ends.