



rag rug mitts

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Super quick fingerless mittens for everyone, worked in the round and from top down (from palm to cuff). Perfect for all the small yarn remains you happen to have lying around!



materials

Yarn: Fingering weight yarn in 8-19 different colors. Approx. 180 (220, 280) yards [165 (200, 260) meters] of fingering weight yarn. Sample mitts are knit in size small, using 12 different colors.

Needles: US 1½ [2.5 mm] dpns. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Other: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders/waste yarn.

sizing

Small (medium, large)

Finished measurements: Approximately 6½ (7, 7½)" [17 (18, 19 cm] long and 6 (7, 8)" [16 (18, 20) cm] around the palm.

gauge

28 sts and 40 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch.

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mitten

Using circular needle and MC, CO 44 (50, 54) sts. Pm for beginning of round and join carefully, not twisting your stitches. Knit the first round. Work 6 rounds in twisted ribbing (*k1 tbl, p1; repeat from * to end).

Continue in MC and Stockinette stitch. Knit 3 rounds.

Shape the mitten

Place sts on holder for thumb on next round (MC): Continue in St st and place the first (left mitten)/last (right mitten) 8 (8, 10) sts on holder for thumb and CO 10 (12, 14) sts using backward-loop CO in place of the sts on holder [46 (54, 58) sts on needle].

Knit two rounds with MC. Begin striping: work 7 (8, 9) four round stripes using 7 (8, 9) different colors (or using as many colors as you want) **and at the same time** shape the mitten as

follows.

After 3 (3, 4) stripes, work the first decrease round:

Left mitten, setup round: Sm, ssk, k 8 (10, 12), k2tog, pm, knit to end.

Right mitten, setup round: Sm, knit until 12 (14, 16) sts remain, pm, ssk, k 8 (10, 12), k2tog.

Work one round in St st.

Left mitten, decrease round: Sm, ssk, k until 2 sts before m remain, k2tog, sm, knit to end.

Right mitten, decrease round: Sm, knit to marker, sm, ssk, knit until 2 sts remain, k2tog.

Alternate knit round and decrease round - 1 (2, 2) more time(s) and continue striping [40 (46, 50) sts on needle].

Work 1½ (1¾, 1¾)" [3 (4, 4) cm] even in St st and after all 7 (8, 9) stripes in contrasting colors, continue with

MC. Begin increases:

Left mitten, setup round: Sm, m1R, k 2 (2, 3), pm, k 2 (2, 3), m1L, remove marker, knit to end.

Right mitten, setup round: Sm, knit to m, remove marker, m1R, k 2 (2, 3), pm, k 2 (2, 3), m1L.

Work one round in St st.

Increase round, left and right mitten: Sm, knit until 2 (2, 3) sts before marker remain, m1R, k 2 (2, 3), sm, k 2 (2, 3), m1L, knit to end.

Alternate knit round and increase round - 2 (2, 3) times more [48 (54, 60) sts on needle].

Continue in St st unsing MC until the mitten measures 6 (6½, 7)" [15 (17,

18) cm]. Work 6 rounds in twisted ribbing. BO sts in twisted ribbing.

thumb

Place sts from holder on dpns and join MC. Knit the sts on dpn, pick up and knit 10 (12, 14) from the cast-on edge [18 (20, 24) sts on needle]. *Note: you can pick up a few extra stitches to prevent holes, but decrease these additional sts on next possible round.* Join and place marker for beginning of round.

Work 6 rounds in twisted ribbing. BO sts in twisted ribbing.

finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Block the mittens using your preferred method.



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glossary

abbreviations

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

MC: main color

CC: contrasting colors

k: knit

p: purl

St st: Stockinette stitch - knit on RS, purl on WS.

1X1 twisted ribbing: in the round - *k1 tbl, p1; rep from * to end.

pm: place marker

sm: slip marker

yo: yarn-over

k2tog: knit 2 sts together; decrease.

ssk: slip, slip, knit slipped sts tbl; decrease.

m1R: increase, make one right; lift loop between stitches from the back, knit into the front of loop.

m1L: increase, make one left; lift loop between stitches from the front, knit into the back of loop.