

## Kids' Mittens (to fit a 5-year-old)

### Supplies

1 skein soft wool yarn

1 skein 3-ply needlepoint yarn (or leftover yarn in DK or worsted weight)

Knitting needles, U.S. size 7 (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Crochet hook U.S. size 7

### Gauge

18 to 20 stitches equal four inches in garter stitch

### Sources

**Extra-soft wool**, by Martha Stewart Crafts, in *Cobweb*, \$7.50 a skein, [lionbrand.com](http://lionbrand.com). **Trio yarn**, by Brown Paper Packages, in *Onyx*, *Cherry Tomato*, *Adoba*, *Moonlight Bay*, *Ramblin' Rose*, or *Mustard*, \$6.25 for 14.4 yd., [purlsoho.com](http://purlsoho.com).

### Notes:

- The mittens are knitted in garter stitch.
- For every row, the first stitch is always knit; the last stitch is always slipped as if to purl with the yarn in front.
- Make 1 left: Insert left tip under the horizontal ladder between last stitch worked and the next stitch from *front to back*; then knit this lifted stitch *through the back loop*.

### Knit one mitten piece

Cast on 26 stitches.

Row 1: Knit in pattern as described above. (Knit across, slip last stitch as if to purl with the yarn in front.)

Row 2: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit the rest of the row. (Slip the last stitch, as established.

Continue to do so in all following rows.)

Row 3: Knit across.

Row 4: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.

Row 5: Knit across.

Row 6: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across.

Row 7: Knit across.

Row 8: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across.

Row 9: Knit across.

Row 10: At the beginning of this row, cast off 8 stitches, and knit across row. (You have 18 stitches on the needle.)

Row 11: Knit across all stitches. At the end of the row, cast on 12 stitches.

Rows 12 and 13: Knit 2 rows.

Row 14: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.

Row 15: Knit across.

Rows 16 through 19: Repeat rows 14 and 15 two more times (33 stitches).

Rows 20 through 29: Knit 10 rows.

Row 30: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across.

Row 31: Knit across.

Rows 32 through 35: Repeat rows 30 and 31 two more times (30 stitches).

Row 36: Cast off 4 stitches at the beginning of this row, then knit across (26 stitches).

Row 37: Knit across. At the end of the row, cast on 4 stitches (30 stitches).  
Rows 38 and 39: Knit 2 rows.  
Row 40: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.  
Row 41: Knit across.  
Rows 42 through 45: Repeat rows 40 and 41 two more times (33 stitches).  
Rows 46 through 50: Knit 5 rows.  
Row 51: Cast off 18 stitches, then knit across (15 stitches left). The cast-off should be on the opposite side of the work from the other two cast-off rows (rows 10 and 36).  
Row 52: Knit across. At the end of the row, cast on 8 stitches (23 stitches).  
Rows 53 and 54: Knit 2 rows.  
Row 55: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.  
Row 56: Knit across.  
Row 57: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across (25 stitches).  
Rows 58 through 62: Knit the next 5 rows as follows: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across. (You have 20 stitches left after fifth decrease row.)  
Cast off the remaining 20 stitches.

### **Knit the other mitten piece**

Repeat the steps above.

### **Finish the mittens (using a single crochet stitch)**

1. For the right mitten, lay the knit piece in front of you, with the original cast-on on your right and the thumb pointing away from you. Folding at the notch created with rows 38 and 39, fold the left side onto the right side, lining up the top curves of the mitten's front and back.
2. Fold up the thumb piece from the final cast-off. Then fold the long thumb piece from the cast-on over it.
3. First, using a single crochet stitch to connect the two layers, crochet around the top curve of the mitten, starting at the junction with the thumb.
4. At the end of the curve, clip off with 3-inch excess, and sew in the ends on the inside of the mitten.
5. Next, using a different color (if you like), start again at the thumb. Crochet around the thumb and down to the cuff. Continue crocheting all around the wrist. Snip off and sew in ends by weaving them in on the inside of the mitten.
6. For the left mitten, lay the knit piece in front of you, with the original cast-on on your left and the thumb pointing away from you. Folding at the notch created with rows 38 and 39, fold the right side onto the left side, lining up the top curves of the mitten's front and back.
7. Fold up the thumb piece from the final cast-off, then fold the long thumb piece from the cast-on over it.
8. First, using a single crochet stitch connecting the two layers, crochet around the top curve of the mitten, starting on the side opposite the thumb.
9. At the end of the curve and at the junction with the thumb, clip off with 3-inch excess, and sew in the ends on the inside of the mitten.
10. Next, with a different color (if you like), start at the cuff near the seam. Crochet around the cuff first, then up the thumb seam and around the thumb to the junction. Snip off and sew in ends by weaving them in on the inside of the mitten.