

Women's Mittens

Supplies

2 skeins worsted-weight yarn

2 skeins 3-ply needlepoint yarn (or leftover yarn in DK or worsted weight)

Knitting needles, U.S. size 8 (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Crochet hook U.S. size H

Gauge

Eighteen to 20 stitches equals four inches in garter stitch.

Sources

Road to China yarn, by the Fibre Company, in *Moonstone* and *Grey Pearl*, \$16 for 69 yd., mryarn.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.

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 32 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, 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 11 stitches, and knit across row. (You have 21 stitches on the needle.)

Row 11: Knit across all stitches, at end of row cast on 15 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 (39 stitches).

Rows 20: 31: Knit 12 rows.

Row 32: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across.

Row 33: Knit across.

Rows 34 through 37: Repeat rows 32 and 33 two more times (36 stitches).

Row 38: Cast off 4 stitches at the beginning of this row, then knit across (32 stitches).

Row 39: Knit across. At the end of the row, cast on 4 stitches (36 stitches).
Rows 40 and 41: Knit 2 rows.
Row 42: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.
Row 43: Knit across.
Rows 44 through 47: Repeat rows 42 and 43 two more times (39 stitches).
Rows 48 through 54: Knit 7 rows.
Row 55: Cast off 21 stitches, then knit across (18 stitches left). The cast-off should be on the opposite side of your work from the other two cast-off rows (rows 10 and 38).
Row 56: Knit across. At the end of the row, cast on 11 stitches (29 stitches).
Rows 57 and 58: Knit 2 rows.
Row 59: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across.
Row 60: Knit across.
Row 61: Knit 1, make 1 left, then knit across (31 stitches).
Rows 62 through 66: Knit the next 5 rows as follows: Knit 1, knit 2 together, then knit across. (You have 26 stitches left after fifth decrease row.)
Cast off the remaining 26 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.