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Outsider Mittens

An original Susan B. Anderson pattern for Spud & Chloë



Sizes: Child's small (child's large/woman's small, woman's medium/large)
To fit a hand circumference of 6 (7, 8) inches

Note: The length of the hand and the length of the thumb can be made to fit any length hand.

Yarn: Outer (65% superwash wool, 35# organic cotton; 60 yards/100 grams)

Woman's medium/large in any style: 2 skeins

Child's large/Woman's small in Ribbed Cuff and Short Bobble Cuff: 1 skein

Child's large/Woman's small in Extended Bobble Cuff: 2 skeins

Child's small size in all styles: 1 skein

Samples:

Extended Bobble Cuff mittens knit in Sequoia #7205

Ribbed Cuff mittens knit in Carbon #7203

Short Bobble Cuff mittens knit in Peat #7204

Needles: US size 13 double-pointed needles, set of four, OR size to obtain gauge

Materials:

2 stitch markers

Ruler or tape measure

Scissors

Yarn needle

Scrap yarn

Abbreviations:

mb make bobble by knitting into the front, back and front again of the stitch, turn, purl 3 stitches, turn, knit 3 stitches, do not turn, pass the second and third stitches over and off the right needle.

k knit

p purl

k2tog knit two stitches together

m1 make one by lifting the bar between the stitches onto the left needle, knit the bar through the back loop

rnd(s) round(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

Gauge: 2 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Mitten pattern:

Make both the right and left mitten the same.

All styles:

Cast on 15 (18, 21) stitches, placing 5 (6, 7) stitches on each of 3 double-pointed needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.



Cuff Options:**Extended Bobble Cuff:**

Rnd 1: (k2, p1) repeat to the end of the round

Repeat row 1 until the cuff measures 2 (2 ½, 3) inches.

Next rnd: (k2, mb) repeat to the end of the round

Continue to knit every round until the cuff measures 4 (4 ½, 5) inches from the cast on edge.

Ribbed Cuff:

Rnd 1: (k2, p1) repeat to the end of the round

Repeat round 1 until the cuff measures 2 (2 ½, 3) inches from the cast on edge.

Short Cuff with Bobbles:

Rnd 1: (k2, p1) repeat to the end of the round

Repeat round 1 until the cuff measures 1 (1 ½, 2) inches from the cast on edge.

Next rnd: (k2, mb) repeat to the end of the round

Complete the rest of the mitten for all styles and sizes as follows:

Thumb gusset:

Rnd 1: knit to the last stitch, place a stitch marker on the needle, k1

Rnd 2: knit to the stitch marker, pass the stitch marker, m1, knit to the end, m1

Rnd 3: knit

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there are 5 (7, 9) stitches after the stitch marker

Next rnd: knit to the stitch marker, remove the stitch marker, place the next 5 (7, 9) stitches on a piece of scrap yarn, cast on 1 stitch at the end of the last needle

There are 5 (6, 7) stitches on each of the 3 double-pointed needles. 15 (18, 21) stitches total.



Hand:

Continue to knit every round until the hand measures 2 (2 ½, 3) inches above the gusset stitches on the scrap yarn OR until 1-inch shorter than the desired finished length.

Decrease rounds for the top of hand:

Rnd 1: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (10 (12, 14) sts remain)

Rnds 2 and 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round (5 (6, 7) sts remain)

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Take a couple of stitches to secure and pull the end to the inside. Weave in the end and trim.

Thumb:

Reattach the yarn to begin working the thumb and place the 5 (7, 9) gusset stitches on 3 double-pointed needles. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Knit the 5 (7, 9) stitches and then pick up 1 stitch on the hand of the mitten. Now you have 6 (8, 10) stitches.

Large Size Only:

On the next round only: k2tog, knit to the last 2 stitches, ssk (8 sts remain)

All sizes:

Knit every round until the thumb measures 1 ¾ (2 ¼, 2 ½) inches OR one round shorter than the desired length from the start of the thumb.

Next rnd: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round 3 (4, 5) sts remain

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Take a couple of stitches to secure and pull the end to the inside. Weave in the end and trim.

Weave in all ends on the inside and trim.

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