

6° Mittens

During an unusually warm winter, I planned a weekend get-away for my husband and me. As it turns out, the weekend we went away was the same weekend the winter weather finally struck. The fingerless mitts I had packed were not going to cut it. I scoured a near-by yarn store for the perfect mitten pattern; when the thought struck me that I could probably write my own. On that cold, six degree morning, these mittens were born.

Materials:

- Manos del Uruguay, 100% wool, 100 grams / 135 yards, one ball - with plenty left over!! (shown in colorway 105)
- One set double-pointed needles, US8 / 5mm
- Tapestry needle

Size: Women's Medium

Gauge: 16 st / 24 rows per 4 inches in stockinette



Cuff: Cast on 32 stitches and divide over three needles. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist. Work in 2x2 rib (*K2, p2, repeat from * to end) until piece measures 1 ½ inches.

Hand: Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 4 inches from the cast-on edge. Using waste yarn, knit four stitches. Return these four stitches to the left needle. Knit across the stitches again using the working yarn, and continue in stockinette until piece measures 7 ¼ inches from cast-on edge.

Mitten-top decreases:

Round 1: *K6, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 28 sts remain.

Round 2 (and all even rounds): Knit all stitches.

Round 3: *K5, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 24 sts remain.

Round 5: *K4, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 20 sts remain.

Round 7: *K3, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 16 sts remain.

Round 9: *K2, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 12 sts remain.

Round 11: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * three more times. 8 sts remain.

Cut yarn leaving a 10 inch tail. Using tapestry needle, draw yarn through the remaining 8 sts and pull tight to gather.

Thumb: Remove waste yarn and return the live stitches to two double pointed needles, four stitches on each needle. Begin knitting as follows:

Needle 1: Knit 4 sts on bottom needle.

Needle 2: Pick up 2 sts in gap, Knit first 2 sts from top needle.

Needle 3: Knit last two sts from top needle, pick up 2 sts in gap.
12 sts total.

Continue in stockinette until thumb measures 2 inches.

Next round: * K2, K2tog, repeat from * two more times. 9 sts remain.

Cut yarn and draw through the 9 remaining sts as above.

Weave in ends. Repeat for second mitten!!

