



Cam's Favorite Mittens

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When I was a kid, a Sunday School teacher of mine knit me a pair of the warmest red mittens. The material was thick, with cuffs that went over your coat sleeves, and they sure kept my hands warm during the snowy Maine winter! I outgrew the mittens but held onto them anyway. Fast forward a number of years and I tossed them in the mitten bin for my own kids. My middle son took a shine to them, and they became Cam's favorite mittens. I never could find a pattern for similar mittens, but when they finally needed replacing, I sat down to figure out the construction as best I could. There's no gauge listed, just use your choice of worsted weight yarn and whatever needle size will give you a nice, thick result. (I used Vanna's Choice yarn with size 7 DPNs.) They'll fit someone, and you can play around with different yarns and needles to get exactly the size that you'd like.

Important note about slipped stitches: When the pattern directs you to slip a stitch, slip it as if to purl, but with the yarn held in back.

Using two strands of worsted weight yarn held together, cast on 48 stitches. Distribute across 3 DPNs.

Cuff Pattern:

Round 1: K 2, sl 1, P 1, repeat around.

Round 2: Knit one round.

Repeat cuff pattern rounds a total of 10 times and then repeat round 1 once more.

Drop one strand of yarn. (You may either cut the second strand and weave in the ends later, or carry it up the inside of the mitten, twisting it with the working yarn at the beginning of each round.)

Next Round: K 2 tog, K 2, repeat around.

Hand Pattern:

Round 1: K 1, sl 1, P 1, repeat around.

Round 2: Knit one round.

Repeat hand pattern rounds a total of 6 times and then repeat round 1 once more.

Pick up second strand of yarn and knit one round with both strands held together.

Work the two-round hand pattern a total of 7 times.

Place 6 stitches on scrap yarn or a safety pin. Cast on 6 stitches with backwards loop method and continue in established two-round hand pattern 14 times more. Repeat round 1 once more.

Decrease Round: K 2 tog, K 1, repeat around.

Next Round: Sl 1, P 1, repeat around.

Slip first stitch from needle 1 onto needle 3.

Final round: K 2 tog, repeat around.

Cut yarn and run through remaining stitches, pulling tight and finishing off firmly. (Just like you would finish off the top of a hat.)

Thumb:

Pick up 6 st. across cast on edge of thumb opening. Work in established pattern across 6 held stitches.

Round 1: Knit one round

Round 2: K 1, sl 1, P 1

Repeat both pattern rows a total of 6 times.

Decrease Round: K 2 tog, K 1, repeat around.

Final Round: K 2 tog, repeat around.

Cut yarn and run through remaining stitches. Pull tight and finish off. Weave in all remaining ends. Knit the second mitten in the same manner.

Sizing Notes: You can change the size of the mittens by using different yarn thicknesses and needle sizes. You can also cast on extra stitches at the beginning of the mitten, just be sure you do this in multiples of 4 to maintain the pattern. Add to or reduce the number of rounds knit to get the desired length for the cuff, hand, and thumb.



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