

CHUNKY GARTER STITCH MITTENS

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keep your fingers warm and toasty with these easy chunky garter stitch mittens. these seamed mittens knit up super quickly and are a great way to expand a beginning knitter's skills. knit them in an afternoon for the perfect last minute gift.

* materials

- *1 x 6oz/170g ball (106 yards/97m) of Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick® Fisherman or other super bulky yarn (A)
- *1 x 6oz/170g ball (106 yards/97m) of Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick® Fisherman or other super bulky yarn (B)
- * Size 15 (10mm) needles, or size needed to get gauge
- * Stitch marker and small stitch holder

* skill level

Beginner

* gauge

9 stitches and 18 rows to 4 inches in garter stitch

* abbreviations

K: knit, P: purl; K1: knit 1 stitch, P1: purl 1 stitch;
Sts: stitches; tog: together

* sizes and measurements

Finished mittens are 9.75" long and 4" wide.



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* *pattern*

Cast on 24 sts in A.

K1, P1 for 1st row. (right side)

Continue in rib pattern (K1, P1) until cuff measures 2.5", ending with a wrong side row.

K one row, dec 3 sts evenly across sts by knitting two sts tog 3 times, like this: K3, k2tog, (k6, k2tog) twice, k3 (21 sts)

Continue in garter stitch for 9 more rows.

For left thumb, insert a marker in the 10th stitch to indicate thumb.

For right thumb, insert a marker in the 12th stitch.

K one row, increasing (see suggestion below) on either side of stitch marker. (23 sts)

K one row.

K one row, increasing on either side of stitch marker. (25 sts)

K one row.

K to 3 sts before marker, place next 7 sts on a small holder (this holds the increased thumb sts and one stitch on either side). Join to remaining sts and continue knitting row leaving stitch holder in front of the work. (18 sts)

for color block:

Continue in garter stitch over remaining sts (18) until mitten measures 7.25", ending with a wrong side row.

Switch to Color B, continue in garter stitch until mitten measures 9.5", ending with a wrong side row.

K2 tog across row. (9 sts)

Use a darning needle to pull yarn through remaining sts, gathering tightly to close.

for stripe:

Switch to Color B, knit 6 rows.

Switch to Color A, knit 4 rows.

Switch to Color B, knit 6 rows.

Continue in garter stitch until mitten measures 9.5", ending with a wrong side row.

K2 tog across row. (9 sts)

Use a darning needle to pull yarn through remaining sts, gathering tightly to close.

thumb shaping:

Using Color A, pick up 1 stitch before thumb sts on holder (knit through the back of the loop to avoid holes). Knit across 7 thumb sts from holder, and pick up 1 st after thumb sts. (9 sts)

Continue in garter stitch for 7 rows.

K2tog at beg and end of next two rows. (5 sts)

Use a darning needle to pull yarn through remaining sts, gathering tightly to close.

finish:

Sew seam of thumb together with the mattress stitch. Weave in all ends.

Return to top of mitten and sew seam of mitten closed using the mattress stitch. Use Color A to sew the seam of the mitten done in Color A. Use Color B to sew the seam of the mitten completed in Color B. Weave in all ends. Block.

increasing suggestion:

Increase stitches by yarn over (bring yarn to the front of the work and over the needle for next stitch). On the returning row, knit into the back of the stitch to avoid holes in the work.

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