

Knitting Pattern for Fingerless Mitts



Materials Required:

One pair each of Size 10 (3.25mm) and Size 9 (3.75mm) knitting pins.

Double knitting wool in a dark colour and oddments in bright contrasting colours.

Knitting Instructions:

Using size 10 knitting pins and bright coloured wool, cast on 42 stitches.

Knit 20 rows in double rib. 1st row - (K2, P2) along the row till the last 2 stitches, K2

2nd row – (P2, K2) along the row till the last 2 stitches, P2

Repeat these 2 rows till you have completed 20 rows

Change to size 9 knitting pins and dark wool. Knit 30 rows in stocking stitch (alternate rows of plain & purl).

Change back to size 10 knitting pins and knit 14 rows in double ribs. You may continue with the dark wool or insert some bright colour (used in the rib at the beginning) by making 2 or 3 stripes of 2 rows. Cast off in rib.

Sew up the side seam, starting at the cast on end. Sew up the rib, continuing up 1.5 inches (4cms) of the stocking stitch. Fasten off wool securely, since this will be the base of the thumb opening. Starting at the other end, sew up the rib, then continue for half an inch (1cm) into the stocking stitch. Once again fasten off wool securely. This will leave a gap of approximately 2.5 inches (6.5cms) for the thumb opening. Make 2nd mitt to match.

Since these will be given to homeless people, and may not be washed very often, it's best to make the stocking stitch in a dark colour. The first 2 pairs I knitted have the light colour at the top edge. The rest will be better at hiding the dirt since they have the dark colour at the top edge (see photo).