Fingerless Mittens Designed by Fiona Morris



Size

Adult medium size hand.

Materials

2 x 50gm balls Debbie Bliss Alpaca Silk Aran, Adriafil Carezza (70% Angora, 10% wool, 20% Polyamide) or other Aran weight yarn

1 set of 5 x 5mm double pointed needles or 2 x 5mm circular needles Stitch marker

Stitch holder

Tension – 10sts and 14 rows to **5cm** over k2, p3 rib

Abbreviations

Inc- increase by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch; $p2tog - purl\ 2$ together, pm - place stitch marker.

Glove

Cast on 35sts and divide the stitches over 4 needles as follows, 9sts on needles 1, 2 and 3 and 8sts on needle 4. Place a stitch marker to mark the beginning/end of the round.

Knit 2 rounds

Next Round: k1, *p3, k2* repeat to the end of the round finishing with k1. Continue in p3, k2 rib until glove measures 14cm.

Decrease Round: k1, *p2tog, p1, k2* repeat to the end of the round finishing with k1. -28sts

Continue in k2, p2 rib work 9 more rounds.

Increase for thumb: inc at beginning of needle 1 and end of needle 4 (i.e. the stitches either side of the stitch marker) on the next and every alternate round working the new stitches as knit stitches until you have 8 more stitches – 36sts.

Continue knitting until the glove measures 21cm.

Divide for thumb: k4 stitches and then slip these 4 stitches plus 4 stitches from needle 4 (i.e. the increased stitches) onto a stitch holder and continue knitting the round. At the end of the round cast on 2 stitches and slip one of these 2 stitches to needle 1. (These 2 stitches are worked as knit stitches so you will have 4 knit stitches together at this point) – 30sts

Continue working over these 30 stitches until the glove measures 25cm Cast off in rib.

Thumb

Slip 4 stitches from the stitch holder onto 1 needle and the other 4 stitches onto another needle. With a 3^{rd} needle and rejoining the yarn knit pick up 4 stitches from the gap either side of the held stitches and the 2 cast on stitches and then with a 4^{th} needle knit across the stitches on the needle that holds the stitches that were at the end of the round. – 12sts

Knit 4 rounds in stocking stitch.

Cast off.

Knit another glove to match and sew in the ends.