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## Happy Mittens

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**Sizes:** Woman (Man)

**Usage:** 1 skein of Happy Sheep plus a bit of a similar quality of yarn in a contrasting color.

**Knitting needles:** double-pointed needles, size 8 (5 mm)

**Knitting gauge:** 18 stitches on 4 inches (18 m x 10 cm)

**Measurements:** the mitten is 3.9 (4.3) inches (10, (11) cm) wide and 9.8 (9.8) inches (25, (25) cm) long.

Really easy mittens, knitted on large needles in a thick yarn. A quick weekend project.

**Buy yarn for the pattern here:**

<http://shop.hobbii.com/happy-mittens>

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## Mitten

### Edge

Cast on 34 (38) stitches with the main color on needle size 8 (5 mm). Knit 9 rounds of two-colored stockinette stitch like this:

Keep both yarns over your index finger just like you would do when knitting with 1 color. The bright contrasting color (dominant color) is placed closest to the back of your hand and the main color is placed closest to the fingertip.

This makes the contrasting color appear wider than the main color. It sounds crazy, but it is true.

NOTE: If you knit bright-colored mittens, you will have to knit the dark color as the dominant one.

### Mitten

Fasten off the contrasting color and continue with the main color.

Note: When knitting with 1 color, the knitting gauge changes a bit and the knitted item becomes a bit looser than previously. So continue with the same amount of stitches as before.

Knit 8 (10) rounds of stockinette stitch. Knit up to the beginning of the round. Now, start increasing for the thumb.

### Thumb, right mitten

1. round: yarn over, k1, yarn over. Work stockinette stitch around.
2. round: knit stockinette stitch and knit the yarn over through the back loops.
3. round: Yarn over, k3,yarn over. Work stockinette stitch around.

Increase like this until you have 9 (11) stitches for the thumb.

### Thumb, left mitten

As opposed to the right thumb, the left thumb is knitted at the end of the round.

1. round: Work stockinette stitch until you have 1 stitch left on the round, yarn over, k1, yarn over.
2. round: Work stockinette stitch and work the yarn over through the back loops.
3. round: Work stockinette stitch until you have 3 stitches left on the round, yarn over, k1, yarn over.

Increase like this until you have 9 (11) stitches for the thumb.

## **Hand, both mittens**

Place the new stitches for the thumb on a thread and let them rest while finishing the rest of the mitten.

Cast on 2 new stitches over the resting thumb stitches = 36 (40) stitches. Knit in the round in stockinette stitch until your work measures approx. 8.3 (8.7) inches (21 (22) cm).

Place a marker at the beginning of the round and again after 18 (20) stitches.

Decrease on each side of the marker, but only every 2nd round.

Decrease by working the first 2 stitches of the round together, work until 2 stitches before the marker, work 2 knit stitches together through the back loops, work 2 stitches together knitwise, work until 2 stitches before the marker, work 2 knit stitches together through the back loops. You are decreasing with 4 stitches in this round.

By alternating between working knit stitches and working knit stitches through the back loops together, the decreases lean against each other and create a pretty edge.

Decrease until you have 6 (8) stitches.

Fasten off and pull the yarn through the stitches.

## **Thumb**

Work 5 stitches up along the hole for the thumb and work in the round in stockinette stitch over the 14 (16) stitches. Work until the thumb measures 1.8 (1.96) inches (4.5 (5) cm) from the newly collected stitches (the ones you put on hold). Knit the stitches together 2 and 2. Work 1 round of knit stitches. Fasten off and pull the yarn through the remaining stitches.

Weave in all ends and enjoy your new mittens on chilly days.

Happy knitting :)