

## Mazie's Mittens

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### Pattern Notes

Knit on straight needles, these mittens are a great way for a beginning knitter to make handmade mittens without trying to use double-pointed needles. (Or for an advanced knitter to make mittens when you've forgotten your knitting bag at home over the holidays and have to borrow stuff from your mom.)

I used two colors of DK weight yarn: one for the ribbing, one for the hands, and a little bit of white to embroider the snowflakes. You could do these in a solid, use up several leftovers to make stripes, or any number of combinations.

By changing yarn weight and needle size, you can make these mittens larger or smaller to fit children of various ages and sizes. (Use sock yarn and US1 / US3 needles for baby mittens, Use worsted weight yarn and US5 / US7 to make mittens for older children.)

### Materials

#### Yarn

About 40 grams of DK weight yarn:

**Main Color [MC]:** approximately 20g Mission Falls 136 Merino Superwash (100% Merino Wool, 136 yards / 50 g) in color 030 (Teal)

**Contrasting Color [CC]:** approximately 20g Mission Falls 136 Merino Superwash Tricolor (100% Merino Wool, 136 yards / 50 g) in color 664 (Surf)

A few yards of white yarn for snowflakes

#### Needles:

US3 (3.25 mm) straight needles

US5 (3.25 mm) straight needles

#### Notions:

Darning or tapestry needle

Stitch holder or length of waste yarn

### Abbreviations

**M1:** make one by twisting and then knitting the bar between the stitch just knit and the next stitch on the needle.

**Pm:** pass marker

**K2tog:** knit next 2 stitches together

**Ssk:** slip next two stitches separately as if to knit, knit the two slipped stitches together

**Gauge:** 24 sts and 32 rows in 4"

## the pattern (make two)

### Cuff:

Using CC and US3 needles, cast on 42 stitches and work in k2 p2 ribbing for 13 rows.  
Purl one row

### Hand:

Row 1(RS): Change to US5 needles and MC and knit  
Row 2 and all even rows: purl  
Row 3: knit 21, place marker, knit 21

### Shape thumb gusset:

Row 5: knit to 1 stitch before marker (20 sts), M1, k1, pm, k1, M1, knit to end (44 sts)  
Row 7: knit to 2 stitches before marker (20 sts), M1, k2, pm, k2, M1, knit to end (46 sts)  
Row 9: knit to 3 stitches before marker (20 sts), M1, k3, pm, k3, M1, knit to end (48 sts)  
Row 11: knit to 4 stitches before marker (20 sts), M1, k4, pm, k4, M1, knit to end (50 sts)

### Save thumb stitches for later:

Row 13: knit 20, place next 10 sts on holder or length of waste yarn to be worked later, knit to end. (40 sts)

### Shape mitten:

Row 15: knit 20, place marker, knit 20  
Row 17: knit  
Row 19: k2tog, knit 16, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 16, ssk (36 sts)  
Row 21: knit  
Row 23: k2tog, knit 14, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 14, ssk (32 sts)  
Row 25: knit  
Row 27: k2tog, knit 12, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 12, ssk (28 sts)  
Row 29: knit  
Row 31: k2tog, knit 10, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 10, ssk (24 sts)  
Row 33: k2tog, knit 8, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 8, ssk (20 sts)

Row 35: k2tog, knit 6, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 6, ssk (16 sts)

Row 37: k2tog, knit 4, ssk, pm, k2tog, knit 4, ssk (12 sts)

Cut yarn leaving an approximately 10-inch tail. Using the darning or tapestry needle, thread the yarn tail through all 12 remaining stitches and remove from the knitting needle. Thread the tail through the stitches once more and tighten. Tie a knot to secure the tip of the mitten.

### Thumb:

Transfer the 10 thumb stitches to the US5 knitting needles and work 10 rows in stockinette stitch. Bind off.

### Finishing:

Using MC, seam thumb and side of hand.  
Using CC, seam cuff.  
Embroider snowflakes  
Weave in ends

Now for the fun part: trying to get your toddler to try them on! ☺