



Easy Garter Stitch Mitts

Knit 2 @ a Time!

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You will need:

- Approx. 100 yards worsted to light worsted weight yarn
- US 8 or 9 straight needles (13.5" long) or circular needles
- Tapestry needle
- Safety pins (optional)

Finished measurements:

- 7.5 inches long x 6.5 inches around



Pattern:

(First mitten)

Cast on 30 stitches loosely.

(Second mitten)

Pick up yarn from other end of ball.

Cast on 30 stitches loosely onto the same needle that contains the first 30 stitches.

Knit every row on each mitten being sure not to carry yarn from one mitt to the other.

The mitten is done when the width fits around your hand and the cast on meets the live stitches, 7 inches or more is typical. Remember, the longer you knit, the wider the mitt! When the mitts are as wide as you'd like, bind off each mitten LOOSELY, leaving a tail three times the length of the mitten. This tail will be used to sew up the mitt.

Fold the square in half, matching up the cast on with the bind off edge. You may want to use safety pins to make sure both cuff edges are lined up correctly. Sew the mitt closed using a firm whip stitch, going up until you come to the point where you'd like the thumb hole to begin. Weave the yarn along the cast on edge for about an inch or more and then resume stitching up the rest of the mitten. Reinforce the top by adding a few extra whip stitches. Weave in the ends. Repeat with the other mitt.

Wash and block as desired. Wear in good health.

Notes:

These mittens will start as squares, then be folded in half, and sewn up. In order to knit both mitts simultaneously, you will need either two balls of yarn OR one ball wound so that both ends are available - a center-pull ball. In that case, you will be knitting from both ends of the same ball. To achieve the striping you see in the photo, use two different balls of yarn and knit from both ends of each. You will have four strands of yarn in action. Just alternate colors every other row.

This pattern is very stretchy and adjustable. When using a lighter weight yarn, you may need to increase the number of stitches you cast on and cast on fewer when using a heavier yarn. Also, the finished size is easily adjusted. Cast on more stitches to make the mitt longer for larger hands or if you want a long cuff. Casting on fewer stitches will make a shorter mitt. To increase the width of the mitten, continue knitting as long as needed; conversely, knitting fewer rows will create a narrower mitt.