

HAND WARMERS AND HAT

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Measurements

To fit small-medium hand and head.

Materials

3 x 50 g balls of double knitting yarn for both items. No. 7 (4 1/2 mm), No. 8 (4 mm) and No. 9 (3 3/4 mm) knitting needles.

Tension

22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 x 10 cm over stocking stitch, using No. 8 (4 mm) needles.

Abbreviations

K, knit; **p**, purl; **st**, stitch; **tog**, together; **k1b**, k1 through back of st; **inc**, increase (by working twice into st); **dec**, decrease (by taking 2 sts tog); **psso**, pass sl st over; **skpo**, slip 1, k1, psso; **yf**, yarn forward to make a st; **yon**, yarn over needle to make st; **yrrn**, yarn round needle; **ss**, stocking st (k on right side and p on wrong side).

Hand warmer (make 2)

With No. 7 (4 1/2 mm) needles, cast on 58 sts.

1st row: P3, [yon, sl1, k2tog, psso, yrn, p2, k1b, p2] 6 times, yon, sl1, k2tog, psso, yrn, p2, k1b, p1.

2nd row and following alternate row: K1, [p1b, k2, p3, k2] 6 times, p1b, k2, p3, k3.

3rd row: P3, [k1, yf, skpo, p2, k1b, p2] 6 times, k1, yf, skpo, p2, k1b, p1.

5th row: P3, [k3, p2, k1b, p2] 6 times, k3, p2, k1b, p1.

6th row: As 2nd row.

These 6 rows form pattern. Pattern another 24 rows.

Change to No. 8 (4 mm) needles and pattern another 30 rows.

Change to No. 9 (33/4 mm) needles and pattern another 16 rows.

Shape thumb opening: Next row: Pattern 24, cast off next 9 sts, pattern to end.

Next row: Pattern 25, cast on 9 sts, pattern to end.

Pattern another 12 rows. Cast off in pattern.

Hat

With No. 9 (33/4 mm) needles, cast on 96 sts. K 5 rows.

Inc row: K6, [inc, k8] 10 times – 106 sts.

Change to No. 8 (4 mm) needles.

1st row and following alternate row (wrong side): K1, [p1b, k2, p3, k2] 12 times, p1b, k2, p3, k3.

2nd row: P3, [yon, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yrn, p2, k1b, p2] 12 times, yon, sl1, k2tog, pssso, yrn, p2, k1b, p1.

4th row: P3, [k1, yf, skpo, p2, k1b, p2] 12 times, k1, yf, skpo, p2, k1b, p1.

6th row: P3, [k3, p2, k1b, p2] 12 times, k3, p2, k1b, p1.

These 6 rows form pattern. Pattern another 36 rows.

Shape top: 1st dec row: P1, p2tog, [pattern 3, p2tog, k1b, p2tog] 12 times, pattern 3, p2tog, k1b, p1 – 80 sts. Pattern 3 rows.

2nd dec row: P2tog, [pattern 3, p3tog] 12 times, pattern 3, p3tog – 53 sts. Pattern 3 rows.

3rd dec row: K2tog, [pattern 2, k2tog] 12 times, pattern 2, p1 – 28 sts. P 1 row.

4th dec row: [K1, k2tog] 14 times – 14 sts. P 1 row.

5th dec row: K2tog, [k3tog] 4 times – 5 sts. Ss 5 rows.

Break off yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through remaining sts, pull up tightly and fasten off. Join back seam.