

# Kissing Fish Mitts

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- Sizes:** Child small, medium and large (larger sizes in parenthesis); to figure out size, place child's hand on chart in background
- Yarn:** 1 skein of Variegated Morehouse Merino 3-Strand; sewing thread to match lips and eyes
- Needles:** set of double-pointed #4 or #5 (size to obtain gauge)
- Gauge:** 5 stitches = 1 inch over Stockinette stitch

Cast on 26 (30/34) stitches. Join and knit 16 (18/20) rounds or desired length for cuff (if you want to roll up edge of cuff, add 8 rounds). Start thumb gusset: knit 1 stitch, place first marker, increase 1 (increase by picking up yarn between stitches and knit in back of loop, so stitch appears to be twisted), knit 1, increase 1, place second marker, knit to end of round. Knit 2 rounds. Repeat these three rounds – increasing after the first and before the second marker – until you have 7 (9/11) stitches between markers. End thumb gusset with knit 2 rounds. Next round: knit 1, place the next 7 (9/11) stitches on holder (paper clip will do nicely), knit to end of round – pull yarn tight after that first stitch to avoid gap where you put stitches on holder. Knit 20 (23/26) rounds.

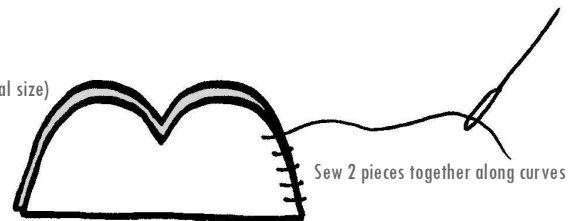
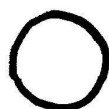
Next 2 rounds: \*knit 2 stitches together, rep from \* to end of rounds. Bind off remaining stitches (you will have a small hole at the tip of the mitten—that's where the kissing lips will be sewn on).

**Thumb:** put stitches from holder on 3 needles. Pick up 2 stitches between first and last stitch. Knit 10 (12/14) rounds. Next round: \*knit 2 together, rep from \* to end of round. Pull yarn through remaining stitches.

Cut out felt—4 pieces of lips and 4 eyes. Sew lips together along curves only (don't sew the bottom line together—you'll have to be able to open the lips to cover the hole at the bind-off edge on mittens—see illustration below), then sew on mittens along flat bottom line covering the hole. Add bead to middle of eyes (sew on using thread double), then sew eyes on mittens.

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Cut out 4 felt eyes and 4 lips (shown actual size)



Sew 2 pieces together along curves

Sew onto mittens along this edge