



Gator Mitts

- Sizes** child small, medium and large
(mitten length—not including cuff and claw tips—3½", 4" and 4½"; or length to fit child's hand)
- Yarn** 1 skein of Morehouse Gator Yarn (sport weight)
- Needles** set of double-pointed #4 or #5 (size to obtain gauge)
- Gauge** 5 stitches = 1 inch over stockinette stitch

Cuff Cast on 27 (31/35 stitches). Join and work cuff: *purl 1 round, knit 1 round; repeat from * for a total of 16 (18/20) rounds.

Thumb Gusset Work next round as follows: *knit 1 stitch, increase 1 stitch (work increases as follows: pick up yarn between stitches with left-hand needle—pick it up from the front towards back—then knit into the back of the loop over needle); repeat from * 2 more times (you'll have 6 stitches on right-hand needle). Continue round as follows: *knit 5 (6/7) stitches, increase 1 stitch; repeat from * 2 more times; knit the next 5 (6/7) stitches; and end round with *knit 1 stitch, increase 1 stitch; repeat from * 2 more times; knit last stitch—total of 36 (40/44) stitches. Knit 12 (14/16) rounds. Next, knit round to last 4 stitches, put the last 4 stitches and first 4 stitches (from next round) on a stitch holder. You now have 28 (32/36) stitches on needles. Knit 20 (22/24) rounds or length to cover child's fingers.

Claws Put stitches on 2 needles—14 (16/18) stitches on each needle. Knitting the claws will feel a little awkward at first because the needles are parallel to each other. For first claw, put the first 3 (4/5) stitches on a separate needle and the last 4 stitches on another needle. With these 7 (8/9) stitches you'll knit the first claw. Knit the 3 (4/5) stitches on first needle; then knit the 4 stitches on last needle (pull yarn tight between needles). That's your first round for claw. Work next round as follows: *knit 1, knit 2 together; repeat from *, knit remaining stitch(es)—if any—at end of round. Knit 1 round. Repeat decrease round (knit 1, knit 2 together). Then pull yarn through remaining stitches. Second claw: put the next 4 stitches on first needle and the last 3 (4/5) stitches on the other needle and knit claw the same way as the first one. Work third claw the same way as the first one; and the fourth claw the same way as the second one.

Thumb Put stitches from holding needle on two needles. Pick up 3 (3/4) stitches between first and last stitch—total of 11(11/12) stitches for thumb. Knit 10 (11/12) rounds. Work next round as follows: *knit 1, knit 2 together; repeat from * to end of round, knit remaining stitch(es)—if any—at end of round. Knit 1 round. Repeat decrease round (knit 1, knit 2 together). Then pull yarn through remaining stitches.

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