

Bittersweet Mittens

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Size: Adult medium
Yarn: 1 skein of Morehouse Merino 3-strand
Needles: Set of double-pointed #5 (or size to obtain correct gauge)
Gauge: Over Stockinette stitch 5 stitches = 1 inch

Cast on 38 stitches. Join and knit 18 rounds.

Thumb Gusset: knit 1, place first marker, increase 1, knit 1, increase 1, place second marker, knit to end of round (increase by picking up yarn between stitches and knitting in back of loop, so knit stitch appears to be twisted). Knit 2 rounds. Repeat these 3 rounds total of six times—increasing in first round after first and before second marker, then working 2 knit rounds—until you have 13 stitches between markers. Next round: knit 1, place next 13 stitches on stitch holder (paper clip will also work), knit to end of round (pull yarn tight after that first stitch to avoid gap). Knit 25 rounds.

Decreases for Fingertips: *knit 4 stitches, knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round, ending with knit 1. Knit 4 rounds. Next: *knit 3 stitches, knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round, again ending with knit 1. Knit 3 rounds. Then *knit 2, knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round, ending with knit 1. Knit 2 rounds. Now *knit 1, knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round, ending with knit 1. Finally, *knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round. Pull yarn through remaining stitches.

Thumb: place 13 stitches on 3 needles and pick up 3 stitches between first and last stitch—total of 16 stitches. Knit 18 rounds. Next round: *knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round. Repeat this last round one more time, then pull yarn through remaining stitches.

Finishing Mittens (before applying decorations): for really soft and warm mittens, put them through knit or gentle cycle in washing machine. Use warm water wash and warm water rinse, add mild soap. Then lay flat to dry. If you cannot control wash and rinse temperatures in washing machine, wash mittens by hand in warm water with mild soap, agitating them slightly, rinse in same temperature water, then squeeze out as much water as possible and lay flat to dry.

Applying Decorations: see separate sheet with instructions and template.

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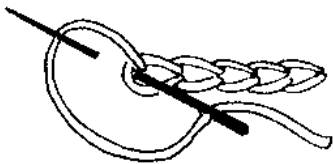


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Decorations:

Use template as a general guide. You can change the curves of the vine to suit your taste and add/delete leaves and berries. Decorations are applied to back of mittens—have thumbs of both mittens face each other. With dark brown yarn stitch stem of vine using chain stitch. (if you are having trouble creating the curves, sew a guide with strong thread in a bright color—then remove thread after completing vine). Cut out leaves and berries and sew on mitten using regular sewing thread.



Chain Stitch

