



Troubadour Mittens

A MOREHOUSE ORIGINAL



Size: Adult medium
Yarn: 2 skeins of Morehouse Merino 3-Strand (140 yards per skein; there will be enough yarn left over for a small hat)
Needles: set of double-pointed #5 or #6 (size to obtain correct gauge)
Gauge: 5 stitches = 1 inch over stockinette stitch
Other Tools: 2 small stitch holders (paper clip will also work)

Cast on 48 stitches. Distribute stitches evenly over four needles (you'll use the fifth needle to knit with). Join and knit 10 rounds. Next round: *knit 2 together, knit 10* rep from * to end of round. Knit another 10 rounds. Next round: *knit 2 together, knit 9* rep from * to end of round. And knit another 10 rounds.

Thumb gusset: knit 1 stitch, place first marker, increase 1 stitch (work increases as follows: with left-hand needle pick up yarn between stitches, then knit through back of loop over needle to create a twisted stitch), knit 1 stitch, increase 1 stitch, place second marker, knit to end of round. Knit 2 rounds. Work these 3 rounds a total of 6 times, increasing 1 stitch after first marker and 1 stitch before second marker, until you have 13 stitches between markers. Next round: knit 1, place next 13 stitches on stitch holder, cast on 1 stitch (use e-loop cast-on), and knit to end of round (to avoid gap, pull yarn tight after that first stitch, before and after the stitch you cast on). Knit 25 rounds.

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

Thumb: place 13 stitches from stitch holder on 3 needles and pick up 3 stitches between first and last stitch. Knit 20 rounds. Next round: *knit 2 together* rep from * to end of round. Pull yarn through remaining stitches.

Fulling mittens: fulling is a finishing process commonly used in weaving. Its purpose is to start a deliberate felting action to produce a tighter and warmer fabric. Put mittens through knit or gentle cycle in washing machine, set machine for warm wash and warm rinse (please note: if you cannot control water temperatures, wash mittens by hand—switching water temperature from warm to cold will cause the mittens to felt too much) and add a mild soap, such as Palmolive® dishwashing liquid. Lay flat to dry.