MAINE MORNING MITTS

SIZE
To fit a woman’s hand, size Medium

CIRCUMFERENCE
8" (20.5cm) stretched

LENGTH
8" (20.5cm)

YARN
Medium
Mitt A (close left): Noro Kureyon (100% wool, 110 yds [100m]/50g) 1 skein #148; Mitt B (far left): La Lana Wools Forever Random Worsted Overble (60% Romney wool, 40% yearling mohair, 70 yds [64m]/57g) 2 skeins Potpourri Glacé. If substituting, use 85 yds (78m) worsted-weight single-ply yarn, the more colorful the better.

NEEDLES
Set size 7 (4.5mm) dpns, or size to obtain gauge

NOTIONS
Tapestry needle

GAUGE
20 sts + 28 rows = 4" (10cm) in St st
18 sts + 28 rows = 4" (10cm) in rib pattern in the round, slightly stretched

STITCH GUIDE

RIB PATTERN
*K2, p1; rep from * across round.

M1R
Make a right-leaning increase by picking up the bar between stitches from back to front and knitting into the front of the picked-up stitch.

M1L
Make a left-leaning increase by picking up the bar between stitches from front to back and knitting into the back of the picked-up stitch.

instructions

Many gorgeous artisanal yarns are worsted-weight single ply. They also tend to be pretty expensive. I designed these mitts to show off the exquisite coloring in two favorites—Noro Kureyon and La Lana Forever Random—while using a minimum of yardage. Simple ribbing offsets any bias and keeps the mitts snug on your hands. The real story here is the colors, which will glow like jewels on your hands.

CO 33 sts and divide onto 3 dpns as follows: 12 sts, 9 sts, 12 sts (this keeps your patt repeats even on each needle). Mark beginning and join in round, being careful not to twist sts. Begin Rib Pattern and work until mitt measures 4" (10cm), or desired length, to base of thumb.

THUMB GUSSET

Rnd 1: K2, M1R, p1, M1L, patt to end.
Rnd 2: (K3, p1) twice, patt to end.
Rnd 3: K2, M1R, k1, p1, k1, M1L, patt to end.
Rnd 4: (K4, p1) twice, patt to end.
Rnd 5: K2, M1R, k2, p1, k2, M1L, patt to end.
Rnd 6: (K5, p1) twice, patt to end.
Rnd 7: K2, M1R, k3, p1, k3, M1L, patt to end.
Rnd 8: (K6, p1) twice, patt to end.
Rnd 9: K2, CO 5 sts using backwards loop cast-on, put 9 sts on holder for thumb, and patt to end.
Rnd 10: (K4, p1) twice, patt to end.

Rnd 11: K1, sl1 k1 psso, k1, p1, k2tog, patt to end.
Rnd 12: K1, sl1 k1 psso, p2tog, patt to end.
Next rnds: Work in patt until mitt measures 8" (20.5cm). BO all sts in patt.

THUMB
Place the 9 sts from holder onto 2 dpns. With a third dpn, pick up and knit 4 sts across the top of the thumb opening, then k4, p1, k4. Continue working sts as they appear for 5 rounds or until thumb is desired length. BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING
Weave in all ends. Use the yarn end from the thumb to close any holes around the Thumb Gusset. Both yarns benefit from a final wash in lukewarm water with mild soap. This will release any excess dye and help bring the fibers together into a cohesive fabric.

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