

Hand/Wrist Warmers

Also called fingerless gloves, these quick-to-knit warmers keep wrists and the upper part of the hands toasty while preserving finger dexterity. In mildly cold weather, they can be worn as is; when it's really cold, they can be layered with gloves underneath. They are shown here in the women's version. One size fits just about everyone, a handy feature for gifts.



Finished Size

Will stretch to fit hand sizes up to 8" (20.5cm) around, about a woman's size large.

Finished Measurements

Circumference about 6 1/2" (16.5cm) around (unstretched), and 6 1/2" (16.5cm) long.

Yarn

Color A- Lionsuede-LB- Mountains
Color B- Classic Merino Wool-PT- Chestnut Brown
One skein of each

Needles

Four US 6 (4mm) double pointed needles, Change needle size to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

Gauge

20sts and 30.5 rows = 4" (10cm) in spiral rib pattern in the round, with rib relaxed.

Cuff and Lower Hand

Cast 2 stitches of Yarn A, cast on 2 stitches of yarn B, repeat from onto 3 double pointed needles spreading the stitches out so there is 11 on the first two needles and 10 on the third one. Use the fourth needle to join together, for working in the round, being careful not to twist, and place a marker to indicate the beginning of the rnd. Work in spiral rib pattern as follows:

Rnds 1-4: *K2 of yarn A, P2 of yarn B; repeat from* to end
Rnds 5-8: P1 of yarn B, *K2 of yarn A, P2 of yarn B; repeat from* to last 3 sts, end K2 of yarn A, P1 of yarn B
Rnds 9-12: *P2 of yarn B, K2 of yarn A repeat from * to end
Rnds 13-16: K1 of yarn A, *P2 of yarn B, K2 of yarn A repeat from * to last 3 sts, end P2 of yarn B, K1 of yarn A
Work Rnds 1-16 a total of two times- 32 rows completed; piece measures about 4 ½” (11cm) from beginning.

Thumb Opening

For the next 8 rows, the sts will be worked back and forth to create the thumb opening, using the needles as if they were straight needles. Keep using the four needles though in order to accommodate the curve of the fabric. Temporarily remove the end of round stitch marker while working back and forth.

Row 1: (WS) Using the fourth needle turn work an *K2 of yarn B, P2 of yarn A repeat from * to end.

Row 2: (RS) *K2 of yarn A, P2 of yarn B repeat from * to end

Rows 3-4: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 5: K1 of yarn B, *P2 of yarn A, K2 of yarn B repeat from * to last 3 sts, end P2 of yarn A, and K1 of yarn B.

Row 6: P1 of yarn B, *K2 of Yarn A, P2 of yarn B repeat from * to last 3 sts, end K2 of yarn A, P1 of yarn B

Rows 7-8: Repeat rows 5 and 6

Upper Hand

At end of Row 8, place marker to indicate beginning of rnd, and resume working in the rnd on all stitches with the RS of the work facing you as for cuff and lower hand. Work Rnds 9-16 of spiral rib pattern once, then work Rnds 1-2 once- 50 rnds or rows completed; piece measures about 6 ½” (16.5cm) from beginning. Bind off all sts in pattern.

Weave in ends

Make second hand warmer same as the first.