

A close-up photograph of a woman with long, wavy, reddish-blonde hair. She is wearing a light grey, textured knit beanie and matching mitts. Her right hand is resting against her cheek, with her index finger pointing upwards. She is wearing a dark grey, textured knit sweater with a light grey horizontal stripe near the bottom. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall mood is cozy and serene.

Beanie & Mitts

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Beanie

Materials:

Natural Fibre Company Double Knitting yarn
4.5mm needles; cable needle, darning needle for making up, a few pins

Tension:

4.5sts = 1" 2.5cm - knit a tension square to check measurements and adjust if necessary

Stitches:

P: purl K: Knit
Stocking Stitch: alternate rows plain and purl
C6F: slip next 3 stitches onto cable needle, hold at front of work, K3 then K stitches from cable needle.
C6B: as above but hold at back

Method:

Cast on 19 stitches for braid.

Row 1: P2, K15, P2

Row 2: K2, P15, K2

Row 3: P2, K3, C6F, C6F, P2

Row 4: as row 2

Row 5: as row 1

Row 6: as row 2

Row 7: P2, C6B, C6B, K3, P2

Row 8: as row 2, completes the pattern

Continue till piece measures 16" 40cm (small), 17" 43cm (medium) or 18" 46cm (large)

Right side facing, cast off but do not break yarn.

Pick up along edge of braid 5 stitches per inch (2.5cm) to give 80 (small), 85 (medium) or 90 stitches (large).

Work in stocking stitch till piece measures 7.5" (small), 8" (medium) or 8.5" (large).

Decrease to finish:

Row 1: Right side facing *K2 together, K1*. Repeat * to * to end.

Row 2: purl

Row 3: as row 1

Row 4: as row 2

Row 5: *K2tog* repeat * to * to end

Row 6: thread yarn through remaining stitches and finish securely. Sew up seam.



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Fingerless Mitts

Materials, tension and stitch details as for Beanie

Method:

Cast on 19 stitches for braid and work as for Beanie to 9" 23cm (small), 10" 25cm (medium) or 11" 28cm (large)
Right side facing, cast off but do not break yarn.

With right side facing, pick up 4.5 stitches per inch along the side of the braid. Work in stocking stitch for 8" 20cm (short) or 9" 23cm (medium) or 10" 25cm (long) mitts.

Right side facing, cast off but do not break yarn.
Fold piece in half lengthwise with right sides together. Starting from braid, pin together the lower half of the mitts.

Wrong side facing, starting at fingers end, knit down the seam casting off as you go for 2".
Now work on one side only - the furthest from you.
Pick up and knit 16 stitches to form thumb. Turn. .
Purl these stitches to end.
Turn. Cast on 5 stitches (small) 6 stitches (medium) 7 stitches (large). Knit to last 2 stitches.
Turn and purl to end.
Turn and K to last 4 stitches
Turn and purl to end
Turn and K to last 6 stitches
Turn and purl to end
Now knit a row over all stitches. Then reverse the above sequence.
Finally, knit over all stitches and cast off on the purl row. Do not break yarn.
Fold edges of thumb together and seam by knit and cast off method as before.

Continue joining seam to the end.
Wash mitts and dry flat pressing one to left and one to right hand.



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