



The
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Yarn Company



Crossing the Line Mitts

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LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Advanced Beginner

SIZE: Woman's (Man's)

YARN: SNUGGLE by The Alpaca Yarn Company, 55% Alpaca, 15% Wool, 30% Acrylic, 3.5 oz (100g) = 104yds [95m] – 1 hank; OR PACA PAINTS by The Alpaca Yarn Company, 100% Superfine Alpaca, 3.5 oz (100g) = 220 yds and HALO by The Alpaca Yarn Company, 78% brushed Suri Alpaca, 22% Nylon

NEEDLES: Size US #7 (4.5 mm), #9 (5.5mm) DPN

NOTIONS: tapestry needle, ring markers, waste yarn to hold stitches

GAUGE: 12 st/4" in stockinette st – Gauge can be adjusted for a larger hand by moving up one needle size.

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TECHNIQUES & PATTERNS:

Diagonal Stitch Pattern

Round 1: knit

Round 2: k1, *insert RH needle into the strand between the st just worked and the st on the LH needle, adding a st to the RH needle, k2, pass extra stitch over the 2 knit sts, k2*k1.

Round 3 : knit

Round 4: k3, repeat as for round 2 between * *, k1.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS:

With smaller needles, co 32 (36) sts. Join and work k2, p2 rib for 3". Place marker at the beg of the round. Change to larger needles. Begin Diagonal Stitch Pattern. In 1st row of pattern, dec 2 sts. 30 (34) sts. Place marker at beginning and after st 18 (22). Diagonal stitch (worked on back of hand over 18 (22) sts while palm is worked in stockinette st)



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Work rounds 1-4 and then 1 again.

Begin thumb increase while continuing in diagonal pattern. (thumb increase sts will happen on the rows that the diagonal sts are made in)

Thumb increase

SM, and pick up bar before first stitch of the round and place on LH needle. K tbl, k1, pu next bar and k tbl, pm, work in pattern around.

K next round with no increases.

Repeat these 2 rounds until there are 9 (11) sts between markers. Work 3 more rounds.

Place thumb sts on holder or waste yarn.

Co 1 st at the thumb opening. Continue working in pattern for approx 3 more inches or desired length. End mitt with 3 rounds of k2, p2 rib. Bind off loosely and weave in ends.

Finish thumb

Place sts on needles and co 3 sts on the hand of the mitt. 12 (14) sts. Knit 4 more rounds. Bo thumb sts.

For 2nd mitt work the thumb increase at the end of the diagonal stitch pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS:

beg	beginning	patt(s)	pattern(s)
BO	bind off	pm	place marker
co	cast on	rep	repeat
dec	decrease	rib	ribbing
inc	increase	rnd(s)	round(s)
k	knit	sm	slip marker
LH	left hand	st(s)	stitch(es)
p	purl	St st	stockinette stitch
		tbl	through back loop