



GET CREATIVE: LOVELY LEOPARD MITTENS

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MATERIALS

- 1 Ball sport-weight yarn
- Set of size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scrap yarn, in 2 additional colors

MEASUREMENTS

7 1/2" long / 8" circumference

GAUGE

18 sts x 24 rows = 4"/10 cm in Stockinette Stitch

HOW-TO

RIGHT MITTEN

CO 34 sts. Divide sts evenly among needles. Join round, taking care not to twist.

CUFF:

Round 1: *K1, P1; rep from * around.

Rep Round 1 until piece measures 2" from CO edge.

BODY:

Divide sts as follows: N1: 9 sts, N2, 18 sts, N3 9 sts.

HOW-TO CONT.

Rounds 1-4: Knit.

Gusset:

Round 5: Knit all sts on N 1 & 2, N3: k2, pm, k1, m1, k1, pm (4 sts between markers), k to end.

Rounds 6-7: Knit.

Round 8: K to marker, sl marker, M1, k to marker, M1, sl marker, k to end. (2 sts increased.)

Rep Rounds 6-8 (increasing 2 sts between markers) twice more. -- 10 thumb sts between markers.

Next Round: Knit to marker, place 10 thumb sts on scrap yarn, k to end.

Continue knitting every round until piece measures 8" from CO edge, or 1" less than desired length of mitten.

Next Round: [k14, k2tog] 2 times. --30 sts

TOP SHAPING:

Round 1: [K2tog, k3] 6 times. --24 sts

Rounds 2, 4 & 6: Knit.

Round 3: [k2tog, k1] 8 times. --16 sts **Round 5:** [K2tog] 8 times. --8 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail.

Weave yarn through remaining sts and draw closed.

THUMB: Sl sts from scrap yarn to 2 double pointed needles, Using 3rd, pick up 2 sts at thumb gap. 12 sts. Divide sts evenly over 3 needles.

Round 1: Knit.

Rep Round 1 until thumb measures 2", or 1" less than desired length of thumb.

HOW-TO CONT.

THUMB SHAPING:

Round 1: [K2, k2tog] 3 times. -- 9 sts

Rounds 2 & 4: Knit.

Round 3: [K1, k2tog] 3 times. -- 6 sts

Round 5: [K2tog] 3 times. --3 sts

Cut and weave yarn through remaining sts and draw closed.

LEFT MITTEN

Work as for Right Mitten, reversing thumb gusset as follows:

Round 5: N 1: k2, pm, k1, M1, k1, M1, pm, k to end of N 1, k sts on N 1 & 2.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Embroidery: Using scrap yarn, tapestry needle, and chart as a guide, duplicate leopard print motif onto mittens front.

