

Felted Mittens

knitted in Drops Big Delight, then felted



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SIZE:

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Length before felting: 36-39-43 cm

Length after felting: 28-30-33 cm

Length from thumb gusset before felting: 15-16-18 cm

Length from thumb gusset after felting: 11-12-13 cm

MATERIALS:

- DROPS Big Delight (100% Wool, Aran weight yarn, available in 50g balls): 200-200-200 g colour no 02, Summer Meadow
- A pair of 5mm straight needles, and a set of 5.5mm double-pointed knitting needles (for thumb) – or size needed to get 16 sts x 20 rows in stocking st = 10 x 10 cm before felting (approx. 20 sts x 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm after felting).

INSTRUCTIONS:

INCREASE TIP:

Inc 1 st by working 2 sts in the same st.

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MITTEN:

Worked back and forth on needle size 5.5 mm with Big Delight. Cast on 52-52-56 sts on needle size 5.5 mm. Work entire mitten in stocking st. When piece measures 8 cm, dec 8 sts evenly = 44-44-48 sts. When piece measures 15-16-17 cm, insert 1 marker in the 22nd-22nd-24th st on row (= marks the thumb). Then inc 1 st on each side of st with marker, repeat on every other row 6-7-8 times in total - read Increase tip = 56-58-64 sts. After last inc, slip the inc sts + st with marker + 1 st in each side of these sts on a stitch holder for thumb = 15-17-19 thumb sts. Cast on 3 new sts behind the thumb sts = 44-44-48 sts. Piece measures approx. 21-23-25 cm. Continue in stocking st back and forth over these sts. When piece measures approx. 34-37-41 cm, work all sts tog 2 by 2 = 22-22-24 sts. When piece measures approx. 36-39-43 cm, work all sts tog 2 by 2 one more time = 11-11-12 sts remain on row. Pull yarn through the remaining sts, tighten tog and fasten.

THUMB:

Slip the 15-17-19 thumb sts on to double pointed needles size 5.5 mm and pick up 5 sts in the 3 inc sts from hand = 20-22-24 sts. Work in the round on double pointed needles in stocking st. When thumb measures approx. 6-6-6.5 cm from thumb gusset, dec 4-4-6 sts evenly (dec by K 2 tog) = 16-18-18 sts. Work 2 rounds. On next round, dec 4 sts evenly = 12-14-14 sts. When piece measures approx. 8.5-8.5-9 cm, work all sts tog 2 by 2 = 6-7-7 sts.

Thumb measures from thumb gusset: 9-9-9.5 cm Pull yarn through the remaining sts, tighten tog and fasten.

ASSEMBLY:

Sew side seam on mitten in front loop of outermost st to avoid a chunky seam. Knit another mitten the same way.

FELTING:

Place a plastic bag inside the thumb to avoid it felting together. Fasten this bag with a pin at the thumb gusset so it does not fall out during wash. Also place a plastic bag in the hand and fasten with a pin. Then place the mittens in the washing machine with a detergent without enzymes and optical bleach. Wash at 40 degrees with normal spin but no pre-wash. After wash shape the mittens to the correct measurements while still wet and leave to dry flat. At subsequent wash, wash the mittens at regular wool programme.



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