# Shooter's Mitts

with thumb gusset and optional peek-a-boo index finger

# materials & gauge:

needed:

- 3.5 (US 4) double point or circular needles 3.25 (US 3) double point or straight needles, for peek-a-boo only
- 165 yds, 190 yds, 220 yds It worsted weight yarn, or needles and yarn weight necessary to achieve gauge

gauge: 4" = 22 s/28 r in stockinette

all yarn requirements are approximate sample yarn: Cascade 220

fits sizes: adult sm/child's large (7½"), adult med (8¼"), adult large (9") measured around lower knuckles – adjustments for larger size in ()

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**FOR THE SHIPS PROJECT,** please use black wool and make size medium or large.

#### instructions

cast on 36 (40, 44) stitches. divide equally among needles and join being careful not to twist. PM to note beginning of round.

- 1: work around in k2, p2 ribbing until glove measures 2½" (2¾", 3") from cast-on edge or to desired length for ribbing
- 2: k5(5, 6), m1. [k9 (10, 11), m1] 3x. k to end of rnd. (40, 44, 48 sts)
- 3: k around for 1 (2, 3) rnds.

### thumb gusset:

- 1: k18 (20, 22), PM p1. k2, p1, PM. k to end of rnd.
- 2: k to marker. k1. place purl bump from st one row below just knit st on LH needle and k TBL. k to one st before marker. place purl bump from next st on LH needle and k. k to end of rnd
- 3: k to marker, p1. k to one st before marker, p1. k to end of rnd.

repeat steps 2 and 3 until there are 16 (18, 20) sts between the markers. last rnd worked should be rnd 3.

# upper hand:

- 1: k19 (21, 23). place next 14 (16, 18) sts on waste yarn for thumb. closing the gap between the front and back of hand, k to end of rnd. (38, 42, 46 sts)
- 2: k around until hand is 4 (4½", 4¾") from ribbing, or to desired length to base of index finger.





peek-a-boo index finger - shown in multiple colors for clarity

- 3: k13 (14, 16). place next 12 (14, 14) sts on waste yarn for index finger.
  - create 2 (2, 4) stitches to join hand front to back. k to end of rnd. If using dpns, rearrange sts as evenly among needles before continuing. (28, 30, 36 sts)
- 5: k around until mitten measures 6½" (7", 7½") from ribbing, or about 1" (1", 1¼" from desired length.

#### fingertip shaping:

FOR SIZE MED ONLY: K6, k2tog. k14, k2tog. k to end of rnd. (28 sts)

- 1: \*k5 (5, 7), k2tog. repeat from \* around. 24 (24, 28) sts
- 2: \*k4 (4, 6), k2tog. repeat from \* around. 20 (20, 24) sts

continue in progression, working one less stitch between decreases, until 8 sts remain.

clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail. draw through remaining loops, pulling tightly to close. tie off and pull tail to inside. weave in securely.

## index finger:

beginning at cast on edge of hand edge, pick up 3 (3, 4) sts in the edge. place half of the sts from waste yarn onto needle. with second needle pick up remaining sts from waste yarn to complete back of finger. (15, 17, 18 sts)

if using dpns rearrange sts as evenly among needles as possible.

# closed finger:

k around for  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " ( $2\frac{3}{2}$ ", 3"), or to desired length less  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for decreases

**shape tip:** k2tog around. sm/med, last st is k1. slip yarn through remaining sts and pull closed. tie off, pull tail inside, and weave in end.

## peek-a-boo finger:

- k around for 3 (4, 5) rnds.
- right hand move last st on rnd to first needle. k 10 (12, 12) sts. bind off remaining sts on palmside of finger.

left hand – k 3 (3, 4). bind off 5 (5, 6) sts on palm-side of finger. k to end of rnd.

- work back and forth in stockinette until flat portion measures 1¼" (1½", 1¾"). last row worked should be a purl row. (11, 13, 13 sts)
- k across. cast on 3 sts and join. (14, 16, 16 sts)
- k around for 2 (3, 3) rnds.

**shape tip:** k2tog around. slip yarn through remaining sts and pull closed. tie off, pull tail inside, and weave in end.

*ribbing:* in the edge of the row of one side of the finger, pick up an odd number of stitches with smaller needles, approx. 3 sts for every 4 rows.

work across in k1, p1 ribbing for 3 (4, 4) rows. bind off in ribbing. repeat for other side.

overlap the ribbing and weave short ends together, then weave the short edge to the bottom of the fingertip and then the base of the finger to join.

#### thumb & finishing:

transfer thumb sts to needles. join yarn at gap between palm and back of hand, pick up 2 sts in the gap. k around, dividing sts equally among needles. join. (16, 18, 20 sts)

k around until thumb is 2" (2 %", 2%") from join at hand, or %" shorter than desired length.

**shape tip:** k2tog around. slip yarn through remaining sts and pull closed. tie off, pull tail inside, and weave in end.

weave in all remaining ends.

now make another just like it!

# techniques & abbreviations:

k: kni

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one m1: make one stitch

by lifting the bar between the just worked st and the next st and knitting into the back loop PM: place marker

p: purl
rnd(s): rounds
st(s): stitch(es)

TBL: through back loop Xx: work instruction in [] X times

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