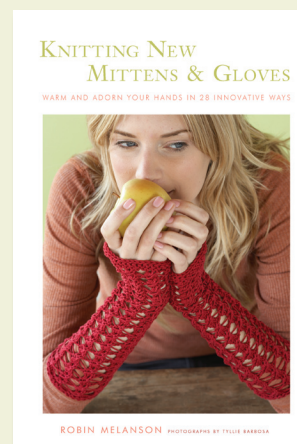




ALTERNATING CURRENT

Two different mittens are presented here: a full mitten and a fingerless mitten. Buttons at the wrist allow the cuffs to be changed like bracelets. Make both types of cuffs in different colors, then alternate them to suit your mood. The fingerless version could be worn indoors in a chilly workplace or outside when you need your fingers free.



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SIZES

One size (to fit average woman)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 8" circumference

YARN

Brown Sheep Company Lamb's Pride Bulky (85% wool / 15% mohair; 125 yards [114 meters] / 113 grams): Mittens: 2 skeins #M-185 aubergine (MC), 1 skein #M-175 bronze patina (A); Fingerless Mittens: 2 skeins #M-58 ink blue (MC), 1 skein #M-25 garnet (A); Cuffs also shown in #M-23 fuchsia (A)

NEEDLES

One set of five double-pointed needles (dpn) size US 10½ (6.5 mm)
Change needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Stitch marker; waste yarn; cable needle (cn); four ¾" buttons

GAUGE

13 sts and 19 rnds = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch (St st)

Full Mittens

LEFT MITTEN

With MC and Long-Tail CO (see page 136), CO 26 sts, divide among 4 needles [7-6-7-6]. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts; place marker (pm) for beginning of rnd. *[Note: Needles 1 and 2 form the back of the Mitten; Needles 3 and 4 form the palm.]*

Begin St st (knit every rnd). Work even until piece measures approximately 9" from the beginning, or to desired length to base of thumb.

Thumb Opening

Next Rnd: K21, change to waste yarn and k4, slip these 4 sts back to left-hand needle, change to working yarn, knit these 4 sts again, k1. Work even until piece measures 3½" from Thumb Opening, or until Mitten reaches first knuckle of middle finger.

Mitten Top

Decrease Rnd: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts on Needle 2, k2tog, ssk, knit to last 2 sts on Needle 4, k2tog—22 sts remain. Knit 1 rnd. Repeat Decrease Rnd every other rnd twice—14 sts remain.

Transfer sts from Needle 2 to Needle 1 and sts from Needle 4 to Needle 3. Graft sts together using Kitchener Stitch (see page 139).

Thumb

Carefully remove waste yarn from Thumb sts and place bottom 4 sts and top 5 sts onto 2 dpns, being careful not to twist sts. Rejoin yarn to bottom sts, pick up and knit 1 st at side of Thumb Opening, knit across 4 bottom sts, pick up and knit 1 st at other side of Thumb Opening, knit across 5 top sts—11 sts. Redistribute sts among 3 dpns. Join for working in the rnd; pm for beginning of rnd.

Next Rnd: K2tog, k2, ssk, k5—9 sts remain. Work even until piece is long enough to cover thumb.

Next Rnd: *K2tog; repeat from * to last st, k1—5 sts remain. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Draw through remaining sts, pull tight and fasten off.

RIGHT MITTEN

Work as for Left Mitten to Thumb Opening.
[Note: Terms for "back of hand" and "palm" should be reversed.]

Thumb Opening

Next Rnd: K14, change to A and k4, slip these 4 sts back to left-hand needle, change to working yarn, knit these 4 sts again, knit to end. Complete as for Left Mitten.

Fingerless Mittens

LEFT MITTEN

Work as for Left Full Mitten until piece measures 2¼" from Thumb Opening, or until Mitten covers base of fingers. BO all sts.

Thumb

Work as for Full Mitten until 9 sts remain. Work even for 3 rnds. BO all sts.

RIGHT MITTEN

Work as for Right Full Mitten until piece measures 2¼" from Thumb Opening, or until Mitten covers base of fingers. Complete as for Left Fingerless Mitten.

Smocked Cuffs (make 2)

With A, CO 32 sts, divide among 4 needles [8-8-8-8]. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts; pm for beginning of rnd.

Rnds 1-3: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rnd 4: *Transfer next 3 sts to cn, wrap yarn once around these sts counterclockwise (pulling gently), transfer these sts to right-hand needle, p1; repeat from * around.

Rnd 5: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rnd 6 (Buttonhole Rnd): *[K1, p1] 7 times, ssk, yo; repeat from * around.

Rnd 7: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Rnd 8: Slip first st of rnd to Needle 4, *p1, transfer next 3 sts to cn, wrap yarn once around these sts counterclockwise (pulling gently), transfer these sts to right-hand needle; repeat from * around. *[Note: Sts may need to be redistributed among the needles for wrapping.]* Transfer last st on Needle 4 back to Needle 1.

Rnds 9-10: *K1, p1; repeat from * around. BO all sts in pattern.

Ribbed Cuffs (make 2)

With A, CO 24 sts, divide among 4 needles [6-6-6-6]. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts; pm for beginning of rnd.

Rnd 1: *K2, p2; repeat from * around.

Work even for 2 rnds.

Buttonhole Rnd: *[K2, p2] 2 times, k2, yo, p2tog; repeat from * around. Work even for 4 rnds. BO all sts in pattern.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Sew a button to each side of wrist. Pull Cuff on and button at wrist.