

Sock Machine Mitts

From Tube to Mitt

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Materials

One 60-stitch machine knit tube
Two size US 1 (2.25mm) circular needles (or size needed for gauge)
(Or DPNs or one long circular needle for magic loop according to your preference.)
Locking stitch markers or safety pins
Tapestry needle

Gauge

Approximately 32 sts = 4" in stockinette stitch, but this may vary. Measure your own knit tube and follow that for gauge.

Finished Size

The length can be customized by working longer cuffs or top edges (you may need more contrast color yarn), or by unraveling the tube for a shorter length. For a smaller or larger thumb, decrease or increase the number of stitches

between the markers when creating the thumb opening. The circumference will vary depending on your yarn and stitch count of the tube.

Abbreviations

k2tog – Insert tip of right needle into the first 2 stitches on the left needle from left to right, and knit them together.
ssk – Slip the first 2 stitches on the left needle knitwise, one at a time, to the right needle. Insert the tip of the left needle into the front of these 2 stitches from left to right, and knit them together.
st(s) – Stitch(es)

Notes

This pattern is written for k1, p1 ribbing but another stitch pattern may be substituted for the cuffs, top edges, and thumbs. Garter stitch, 1x1 twisted ribbing, a 2-stitch cable, corrugated ribbing, or k2, p2 ribbing could also work well.

TOP EDGE

Place stitches, evenly divided, on two needles, unraveling and removing waste yarn if necessary. Make sure to unravel enough stitches in the main color to leave a 4-5" tail in the working yarn for weaving in. Join the contrast color yarn. Knit 1 round. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for .75". Bind off in pattern.

THUMB

Measure 2.75" inches from top edge. Place a marker in any stitch in this round. Count 12 stitches over in the same round from the first marker, and place a second marker. These markers are there as guides while you pick up the stitches for the thumb.

With the tube lying flat in front of you and starting at the marker on your right, use a knitting needle to pick up the right leg of every stitch in the round above the thumb opening round. Work across the round, picking up each right leg, until you have 12 stitches on the needle. It may be easier if you use a smaller needle for picking up the legs.

Using a second needle and starting at the right side, pick up the right leg of every stitch in the round below the thumb round. Your needles will be parallel, with 12 stitches on each needle, and a row of stitches in between the two needles.

Find a middle stitch of the row between the two needles and carefully cut one leg of this stitch.

Gently unravel the stitches in the thumb round (do not cut this yarn as you unravel. You will need it to weave in later) from the cut toward the side marker in both directions, stopping two stitches before the marker on each side. These last two stitches will stay on the needles but will not be unraveled, thus avoiding holes at the corners of your thumb. Remove the markers.

With the right side facing you, join the contrast color yarn at one side of the opening. *Knit to last 2 stitches, k2tog; rep from * once (2 stitches decreased). Work in k1,p1 ribbing for 1.5", or to desired thumb length. Bind off in pattern.

CUFF

Work as for Top Edge, working 1.5" of ribbing. Bind off in pattern.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block.

