

1860's KNITTED PLAIN MITTEN

Materials required: 4 double pointed needles 14 (2 ¼ mm), size 1 (American)
approx. 150grms (5ozs) 2ply fingering
Gauge: 36 sts and 48 rows = 4ins (10cm)

Cast on 72 stitches divide onto 3 needles.

Ribbing: K3, P3 for 20 rounds.

Round 1 of hand: K.

Round 2 P1, K1 to end of row.

Round 3 Knit.

Round 4 K1, P1.

Thumb gusset: keeping in pattern

Round 1 K35, increase in next 2 sts, K35.

Round 2 P1, K1.

Round 3 Knit.

Round 4 K1, P1.

Round 5 K35, increase in next stitch, K2, increase in next stitch, K35.

Repeat increase in this manner until 90sts on needle.

Put 20sts for thumb on stitch holder.

Continue working on hand of mitten; pick up 2 sts in thumb space (72sts) join to complete round.

Work in pattern until the piece measures 7ins. (18cms) or until tip of ring and first finger show when mitten is tried on.

Decrease : Round 1 K2 tog. K4 repeat to end of round (60sts)

Round 2 K

Round 3 K2 tog. k3 repeat to end of round (48sts)

Round 4 K

Round 5 K2 tog. K2 repeat to end of round (36sts)

Round 6 K

Round 7 K2 tog. K1 repeat to end of round (24sts)

Round 8 K

Turn mitten to wrong side, put equal number of stitches on 2 needles, K1 st from needle 1 and 1 stitch from needle 2 tog. K. next stitch from needle 1 and 2 tog. pass first stitch over; continue until all sts are cast off.

Thumb: Pick up 20 sts off stitch holder, pick up 4sts. from hole between hand and thumb, divide onto 3 needles.

Join round, work in P1, K1 pattern to desired length.K.2 tog. across final row.

Cast off in the same manner as mitt.

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Abbreviations

K. knit

P. pearl

tog. together