

My friend Judy asked if I'd make her a pair of fingerless mitts to keep her hands warm while she works at the computer or attends Spanish classes. This pattern is the result of that request. They are especially great for gift-giving because they are quick to make and you can exercise your creativity in embellishing each mitt with special buttons, beads or ribbon.

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Yarn: 100 yds knitting worsted weight yarn

Needles: US 7 or US 8

Notions: tapestry needle

Embellishment: Any buttons, beads, ribbons or miscellany that might be used for embellishment

Judy's Fingerless Mitts



Mitts: make two

Cast on 42 stitches, using the long-tail cast on and leaving enough tail to use for seaming (12-18 ").

Row 1: (wrong side) K1, P1, *K2, P2 ;repeat from * until last 4 stitches, K2, P1, K1.

Row 2 (right side) P1, K1, *P2, K2; repeat from * until last 4 stitches, P2, K1, P1

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 6-7 " from cast on row.

End after completing a Row 1.

Bind off in pattern on a right side row, leaving enough tail to seam down to the thumb opening.

Finishing: To determine placement of thumb opening, fold knitted piece around hand with both sides touching on the thumb side of your hand. Using locking stitch markers or scrap yarn, mark where you want the thumb opening. Transfer these markings to the second mitt.

Thread the tapestry needle with tail from the cast on. Beginning at the cast on edge and using the mattress stitch, sew the 2 sides of the mitt together up to the marking for the thumb opening.

Thread the tapestry needle with the tail from the bind off. Beginning at the bind off edge and using the mattress stitch, sew the 2 sides of the mitt together down to the thumb opening.

Weave in ends.