



## Yummy, Warm Woolen Mittens

*Perfectly the warmest, when knit in double knit.*

Rib Stitch for deep cuffs and smooth Stockinette Stitch for hand of mittens.

Size adult small and (medium/large).

Plymouth Encore Chunky (acrylic blend) or other chunky wool

Requires 1-1/2 skeins.

Cast on 22 (26) sts Remember the anchor yarn.

Knit 10 (14) rows of Ribbing.

Change to Stockinette. Knit (2) rows.

Next row, increase one stitch each end. Knit row in Stockinette.

Knit 3 (4) additional rows in Stockinette.

### Increase Row:

You will increase (6) times across row. This means you need to shuffle all the loops on your needles to each side to create (6) open needles spaced evenly across the board starting about 1" from side edges. With the open needles, increase from each needle to right of open needles by picking up the previous loop that was hooked over, and place them on open needles.

You now have (6) stitches added to your boards.

Knit the 30 (34) stitches for 2 (4) additional rows.

### Thumb Opening:

Slip center 10 stitches onto a stitch holder, one for each board. Drop the holders with loops secured, thru the boards, so that the holders are below the boards. Shift the 10 (11) loops of each side together, so that they are adjacent to each other in center.

Twist the 2 joining loops, so that loop 10 (11) is placed on needle 11 (12) and loop 11 (12) are placed on needles 10 (11).

This will give more strength to thumb.

Knit additional 12 (16) rows in stockinette.

### Decrease and Bind Off:

Decrease (1) stitch each end.

Decrease in center to form curved top:

(At center, decrease loop #15 onto loop #14, and loop #16 onto loop #17.

This creates (2) open needles in center.)

Knit row staying in stockinette skipping the open needles.

Repeat the decrease on next row.

Shift all loops, on one side, over to meet the other set of loops so that they are adjacent with no open needles.

Repeat the decrease row (2) additional times.

Shift all loops on one side over to meet the other set of loops.

Bind Off with crochet hook by picking up (3) loops, pull one thru two. Pick up next (2) loops alternating boards. Do this to end and pull yarn tail thru last loop.

### Thumb Finishing:

Place the (10) thumb loops back onto the boards from the stitch holders.

Be sure to place them directly across, each side.

Tie in yarn to 2<sup>nd</sup> inside stitch.

Knit in stockinette for 8 (10) rows.

Decrease (1) stitch each end.

Knit row. Cut yarn with a 10" tail for sewing the thumb.

Bind Off. Bind Off at anchor yarn.

Sewing:

Fold mitten over.

Sew thumb with tail end of yarn. Secure well at base of thumb.

Sew Mitten from cuff to top easing in the top for a nice oval shape.

Tuck in all tail ends of yarn.

Repeat all for the 2<sup>nd</sup> mitten.