

CABLED TEXTING MITTS

Fingerless mitts are wildly fashionable, so why not make your own? These mitts are simple to make and the cable design is worked in contrast to give them a real pop. Some minor crocheting is required.



Materials

1 skein Premier Yarns Deborah Norville Serenity Chunky Heathers in Woodsman Heather (MC)
 1 skein Premier Yarns Deborah Norville Serenity Chunky Tweeds in Stone (CC)
 US size 10 (6.0 mm) knitting needles
 US size 9 (5.5 mm) knitting needles
 US size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook
 Cable needle
 Place markers
 Darning needle and yarn threader

Gauge:

4 inches = 13 sts, 19 rows in stockinette stitch US size 10 or size needle required to get the gauge.

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

Sl st = slip stitch

MC = Main Color

CC = Contrast Color

CF4 = Place two sts on a cable needle, hold to the front of the work, k next two sts, k the 2 sts from cable needle

CB4 = Place two sts on a cable needle, hold to the back of the work, k next two sts, k the 2 sts from cable needle

Left Hand

With size 9 needles and MC, cast on 24 sts

K1, p1 rib for 3 rows, switch to CC, work 2 rows in rib, switch back to MC and work 3 more rows in rib

Row 1: Change to size 10 needles and k 5, change to CC, k 4, change to MC, k to end

Row 2: P to color change, switch to CC, p 4, change to MC, p 5

Rows 3 & 4: Repeat rows 1 & 2

Row 5: K5, change to CC, CF4, change to MC, k to end

Row 6: Keeping to the established color scheme, p

These 6 rows constitute the pattern; continue until total work measures 8".

Helpful Hint: if using long tail cast-on, make an especially long tail to stitch the sides up with later on!



PRESENTS!

Keeping the size 10 needles, start working in k1, p1 rib in MC for two rows, switch to CC and work one row of rib, change to MC, work one row of rib and cast off in pattern.

Starting from the top, sew the edges of the fabric together, work down approximately 2 inches, or depending on how much coverage you want on your fingers; tie off the string or yarn. Now go to the bottom and work your way up. It may help if you mark your thumb area with place markers. When you're satisfied with the area for the thumb opening, using a size H crochet hook, pick up and single crochet 15 sts, sl st with the join, end off.

Tuck in all your ends and you're ready to do the right hand.

Right Hand

This is a merely mirror of the left hand, with the cables going to the right with a CB4 pattern, but if you're like me, you want a pattern to follow!

With size 9 needles and MC, cast on 24 sts

K1, p1 rib for 3 rows, switch to CC, work 2 rows in rib, switch back to MC and work 3 more rows in rib

Row 1: Change to size 10 and k1, switch to CC, k4, change to MC, k5

Row 2: p5, switch to CC, p4, change to MC, p to end

Rows 3 & 4: repeat rows 1 & 2

Row 5: K15, change to CC, CB4, change back to MC, k5

Row 6: keeping to the established color scheme, p

These 6 rows constitute the pattern; continue until total work measures 8".

Keeping the size 10 needles, start working in k1, p1 rib in MC for two rows, switch to CC and work one row of rib, change to MC, work one row of rib and cast off in pattern.

Starting from the top, sew the edges of the fabric together, work down approximately 2 inches, or depending on how much coverage you want on your fingers; tie off the string or yarn. Now go to the bottom and work your way up. It may help if you mark your thumb area with place markers. When you're satisfied with the area for the thumb opening, using a size H crochet hook, pick up and single crochet 15 sts, sl st with the join, end off.



Tuck in all the loose ends and you're ready to sport these saucy cabled mitts!