



Thrum Mittens

Prairie Spirit Alpacas



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Materials:

- 120g Alpaca Chunky Lopi
- 55g Roving in contrasting colour (approx. 200 thrums per mitt)
- 4mm (US 6) double pointed needles
- Stitch holders
- Tapestry needle

Gauge/Size

9sts = 2" or 8sts = 4cm, fits an average woman's hand

Abbreviations:

k = Knit

p = Purl

k2tog = Knit 2 together

ssk = Slip, slip, knit

Making a Thrum

Pull (do not cut) approx. 3" of roving and split in half lengthwise, making two thrums. Fold in half and gently twist between fingers until it twists on itself (like a skein of yarn). It may be helpful to make the thrums before you start knitting.

To place, insert needle below stitch to be knit and catch the center of folded thrum, placing onto right hand needle. Knit next stitch and pass the thrum over the knit stitch (as if to bind off), Pull end of thrum tight on inside of mitten to secure.

Instructions:

Cuff

Cast on 36 sts, evenly distributed over three needles. Join in the round, making sure not to twist the stitches. Place marker for beginning of round.

Work in k2, p2 until cuff measures 3.5" (or desired length) from cast on edge, approx. 22 rows.

Next Round: Knit, increasing 1 st every 6 sts. (42 sts)

Mitten Body

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: Knit

Rnd 4: *k2, thrum* repeat to end

Rnd 5-7: Knit

Rnd 8: *thrum, k2* repeat to end

Rnd 9: Knit

Thumb Opening

Rnd 10: k1, place 11 sts onto holder, cast on 11 sts, k to end of round

Rnd 11: Knit

Rnd 12: *k1, thrum, k1*, repeat to end

Rnd 13-Rnd 15: Knit

Rnd 16: *k2, thrum* repeat to end

Rnd 17-Rnd 19: Knit

Rnd 20: *thrum, k2* repeat to end

Rnd 21-Rnd 22: Knit

Repeat Rnd 11 to Rnd 22 once more

Rnd 35: Knit

Rnd 36: *k1, thrum, k1* repeat to end

Rnd 37: Knit 1

Top of Mitt

Note: every fourth row is thrum row, starting with Rnd 40. To continue with staggered thrums, refer to note at end of round. If thrum lines up with a ssk or k2tog, place thrum before decreasing, decrease, then pass thrum over worked stich.

Rnd 38: *k1, ssk, k15, k2tog, k1* repeat to end (38 sts)

Rnd 39: Knit

Rnd 40: *k1, ssk, k13, k2tog, k1* repeat to end (34 sts) (k2, thrum)

Rnd 41: Knit

Rnd 42: *k1, ssk, k11, k2tog, k1* repeat to end (30sts)

Rnd 43: Knit

Rnd 44: *k1, ssk, k9, k2tog, k1* repeat to end (thrum, k2)

Rnd 45: Knit

Rnd 46: *k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1*
repeat to end

Rnd 47: Knit

Rnd 48: *k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1*
repeat to end (k1, thrum, k1)

Rnd 49: Knit

Rnd 50: k2tog, repeat around

Cut yarn about 3" and pull through
remaining stitches, weave in end.

Thumb

Knit 11 sts from holder, pick up and
knit 13 sts around. (24sts)

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: *k6, k2tog* repeat to end
(21 sts)

Rnd 4: *k2, thum* repeat to end

Rnd 5-Rnd 7: Knit

Rnd 8: *thrum, k2* repeat to end

Rnd 9-Rnd 11: Knit

Rnd 12: *k1, thrum, k1* repeat to
end

Rnd13-15: Knit

Rnd 16: *k2, thrum* repeat to end

Rnd 17: Knit

Rnd 18: *k1, k2tog* repeat to end

Rnd 19: *k2tog* repeat to end

Cut yarn and pull through remaining
sts and weave in ends.

Left Thumb Opening:

Rnd 10: K30, place 11 sts on
holder, cast on 11, k1

Make second mitt as the first, with
left thumb opening as stated above.

Mittens will be very big when
finished but will mold to hands as
they are worn. Enjoy!



The staggered pattern of the thrums makes
sure there are no cold spots inside the
mittens

