

Headfirst

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Yarn:	Tools:	Gauge:
ArtYarns Big Merino Cloud (219 yd) plus mini skein of ArtYarns Beaded Silk	#10 16" circular needles (for hat) and #4 double-pointed needles (for mitts)	4 sts and 5 rows = 1"x1" for hat 6 sts and 8 rows = 1"x1" for mitts

*If you follow the pattern for the shorter mitts, you can eke out both the hat and the mitts. Or play it safe and make **only** a hat or mitts (you can make your hat slouchier or mitts longer where each pattern is marked with *******). For beginners, we recommend making the hat first - it requires fewer skills.*

Hat Abbreviation: skp = slip one stitch knitwise, knit the next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch.

Directions: Cast on 70 sts and join to work in round.

Rounds 1-9: [k1, p1] x 35 times to end of round.

Round 10: [yo, k3, skp, k5] x 7 times.

Round 11: k1, [yo, k3, skp, k5] x 7 times.

Rounds 12-40: Repeat Round 11, 28 times***

Cut yarn, allowing 12" tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle, and weave into topmost st on left side of needle then through all remaining 69 sts. Tighten to fasten top of hat. Weave in end of tail securely inside the hat.



Mitt Directions (make 2)

Abbreviations:

skp = slip one stitch knitwise, knit the next stitch, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch.

k2tog = knit 2 sts together as though they were one

m1r = With lefthand needle, pick up bar from back to front between next two sts, knit through front loop

m1l = With lefthand needle, pick up bar from front to back between next two sts, knit through back loop

Left Leaning Lace Pattern = [yo, k3, skp, k5]

Step 1: Bottom of mitt

With Big Merino Cloud, cast on 40 sts and divide onto DPNs. Work 1x1 rib (k1, p1 repeat) 5 rounds for shorter mitt (10 rounds for longer mitt). Work Setup Round: k3, skp, k5 [m1l, k3, skp, k5] repeat 3 times (39 sts)

Lace Round: Work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 4 times around.

Repeat Lace Round until mitts measure 3.5 for shorter version (4.5**** for longer version)

Step 2: Increase for thumb

Round 1: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k2, m1r, k3] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (41 sts)

Round 2: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k2, m1r, k5] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (43 sts)

Round 3: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k4, m1r, k5] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (45 sts)

Round 4: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k6, m1r, k5] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (47 sts)

Round 5: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k8, m1r, k5] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (49 sts)

Round 6: [yo, k3, skp, m1l, k10, m1r, k5] work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (51 sts)

Round 7: [yo, k3, skp, transfer next 12 sts to waste yarn threaded on tapestry needle, k5, work Left Leaning Lace Pattern 3 times (39 sts)

Step 3: Top of mitt

Repeat Lace Round from Step 1 until mitt measures 5.5" (7") from bottom, then work 1x1 rib (k1, p1 repeat) for 3 rounds. Switch to Beaded Silk and work 3-4 more rounds in 1x1 rib. Bind off loosely in rib. Cut yarn.

(Note: In the Neutral mitt we tried working 2 purl rounds with beads, but we like the rib look in the Warm mitt the best. To be sure you have enough silk for both mitts, work 3 rounds rib then bind off with silk.)

Step 4: Work thumb

Transfer 12 sts from waste yarn to 3 DPN's evenly. Attach yarn, work in 1x1 rib around, picking up 2 sts at inside of thumb (14 sts total). Work 1x1 rib 4 rounds more. Bind off loosely in rib.

