

Quick felted mittens. It is important to use 100% wool yarn to felt

Yarn: Istex Lettlopi (100% Icelandic Wool; 107 yds per 50g); 2 balls.

Needles: 5.0mm/US8 needles to work small diameter circular (DPNS, Magic Loop, or 12" Circular)

Gauge: 18sts = 4"/10cm in stockinette pre-felting.

Other tools: stitch markers, darning needle

Finished Size: approx. 8" around palm after felting

Cuff

Cast on 42sts, join in the round and place marker at beginning of round.

[K1, P1] around for 1 round.

K for 14 rounds.

[K1, P1] around for 7 rounds.

K for 2 rounds.

GUSSET

Set Up: K2, pm, K3, pm, K to end of round

<u>Increasing Round A</u>: K to marker, sm, K1, m1L, K to 1 st before marker, m1R, K1, sm, K to end of round. (2 sts increased).

<u>Increasing Rounds B & C</u>: K all sts, slipping markers as you go.

Repeat Rounds A-C another 4 more times. (13sts total between markers).

<u>Divide for Thumb</u>: K to marker, rm, put 13 sts on holder, CO 3sts using backwards loop, rejoin to rest of sts and K to end of round. (42 sts)

HAND

K all sts until work measures 4" from thumb divide.

Decreasing Round 1: *K5, K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (36 sts).

Decreasing Rounds 2, 4, 6: K

Decreasing Round 3: *K4, K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (30 sts).

Decreasing Round 5: *K3, K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (24 sts).

Decreasing Round 7: *K2, K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (18 sts).

Decreasing Round 8: *K1, K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (12 sts).

Decreasing Round 9: K2tog around. (6 sts).

Break yarn, draw through remaining sts and pull tight.

THUMB

Pick up and knit three sts from the cast on edge inside the thumb, then rejoin with the 13 held sts in the round and K to end of round. (16 sts).

K until thumb measures 2½" from divide.

K2tog around. (8 sts).

Break yarn, draw through remaining sts and pull tight.

Weave in all ends.

Wash in machine with hot water until desired level of felting is achieved.

Abbreviations:

K – knit

P - purl

pm – place marker

sm – slip marker

rm – remove marker

m1L – make 1 stitch, left leaning

m1R – make 1 stitch, right leaning.

K2tog - knit 2 together

St(s) – stitch(es)

rep - repeat