

## VINTAGE KNITS

# Mittens for a Young Child

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Project #10 from "[My Year of Weldon's](#)"

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"These little mittens are 4 1/2 inches long, including the wristlet, and 2 1/4 inches wide. They are worked up on two needles, and sewn up."

The original pattern calls for 1 oz. of single Berlin wool, or 4 thread soft fingering, a pair of No. 12 or No. 13 steel knitting needles, a steel crochet needle and a yard of "bebe" ribbon

Yarn: I used Madelinetosh Sock yarn in colorway "Citrus", 100% merino wool 4 ply fingering weight yarn. I used somewhere between 50-75 yards (maybe less) for the mittens.

Needles: US #2/2.75 mm

Gauge: 8 sts= 1" My mittens measured slightly longer than 4 ½".

Abbreviations:

DC: double crochet

K: knit

P: purl

YO: yarn over

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together

M1: Make one stitch by picking bar between 2 stitches and knitting through the back loop

Instructions:

Cast on 33 stitches.

Row 1: K1, \* yo, k2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: \*yo, slip 1 purlwise, k1; repeat from \* to last 2 stitches, k2tog.

Rows 3-12: \*yo, slip 1 purlwise, k2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 13: \*P1, k2tog, repeat from \* to end. 32 stitches on needle.

Row 14: K.

Row 15 & 16: P.

Row 17: Holes for ribbon – Sl1, k1, \*yo, k2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Rows 18-19: P

Rows 20-21: K.

Row 22: P.

This completes the wrist. Work hand as follows:

Row 1: K2, \* p4, k2; repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: K.

Row 3: K2, (p1, k2) 4 times, m1, p1, k2, p1, m1, k2, (p1, k2) to end of row.

Row 4: K3, p2, k4, p2, k3, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3.

Row 5: K2, p4, k2, p4, k2, m1, k1, p4, k1, m1, k2, p4, k2, p4, k2.

Row 6: K (36 sts)

Row 7: (k2, p1) 4 times, k2, m1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, m1, k2, (p1, k2) to end of row.

Row 8: K3, p2, k4, p2, k7, p2, k7, p2, k4, p2, k3.

Row 9: K2, p4, k2, p4, k2, m1, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, m1, k2, p4, k2, p4, k2.

Row 10: K (40 sts)

Row 11: (K2, p1) 4 times, k2, m1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k1, m1, k2, (p1, k2) to end of row.

Row 12: K3, p2, k4, p2, k3, p2, k4, p2, k4, p2, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3.

Row 13: K2, p4, k2, p4, k2, m1, p3, k2, p4, k2, p3, m1, k2, p4, k2, p4, k2.

Row 14: K (44 sts)

Row 15: (K2, p1) 4 times, k2. Attach 2<sup>nd</sup> ball of yarn and work thumb on next 14 sts:

(K2, p1) 4 times, k2; turn.

P2, k4, p2, k4, p2; turn.

P3, k2, p4, k2, p3; turn.

P14; turn.

P14; turn.

K14; turn.

Bind off 14 sts. Cut yarn (leaving a short end to sew the thumb) Resume on the 15th row where you divided the stitches for the thumb and cast on 2 sts using backwards loop method

K1, \*p1, k2; repeat from \* to end (22 sts)

Row 16: K3, \*p2, k4; repeat from \* ending with p2, k3.

Row 17: K2, \*p4, k2; repeat from \* to end.

Row 18: K.

Row 19: K2, \*p1, k2; repeat from \* to end.

Row 20: K3, \*p2, k4; repeat from \* to end, ending with p2, k3.

Repeat Rows 17-20 twice.

Knit 2 rows, purl 2 rows. Bind off all stitches.

Finishing: Sew up the thumb, easing in the 2 cast on stitches like a gusset. Sew the seam.

Crocheted Edging: work 1 dc in a hole by the cast-on edge, 4 chain, 1 dc in the next hole, repeat to end joining evenly on completion of round. Make 2<sup>nd</sup> mitten. Run ribbon through the holes at the wrist and tie in bows. **Weave in ends, block gently.**

Addition:

Here are the Mitts "For An Older Child", knit using sport weight yarn and US #5 Needles:



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