



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Felted Wool Oven Mitt - - design by Amy E. Anderson

Wool is perfect for oven mitts because it is naturally fire resistant. Be sure you don't buy superwash wool. Gauge really doesn't matter so don't worry about it.

Materials: Worsted Weight wool yarn,
1 (100 gram) skein
Needles: Size 9 double-pointed

Directions:

Cast on 52 sts. Divide on 3 needles, as follows:

1st Needle: 26 sts.
2nd & 3rd Needle: 13 sts each.
Join and knit 32 rounds.

Begin Thumb Gusset:

Rd. 1: K25, inc 1 in each of the next 2 sts by knitting in front and back of st, K to end of rd.

Rd. 2 and All Even Numbered Rounds: Knit

Rd. 3: K25, inc 1 in the next st, **K2**, inc 1 in the next st, K to end of rd.

Rd. 5: K25, inc 1 in the next st, **K4**, inc 1 in the next st, K to end of rd.

Continue working increases on odd numbered rds, adding 2 more sts between the increases each time, until you have a total of 72 sts.

Next Row: Knit 26 sts, slip the next 20 sts to scrap yarn and set aside for thumb, knit to end of round.

Arrange the 52 hand sts on 3 needles as above.

Knit for 4½" above the crook of the thumb.

Begin decreases as follows:

Rd. 1:
1st Needle: K1, k2tog, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.
2nd Needle: K1, K2tog, K to end.
3rd Needle: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Rd. 2: Knit
Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 12 sts remain.
Next rd: *K1, K2tog*, repeat *-*.
Next rd: *K2tog*, repeat *-* to end of round.
Draw remaining sts together and tie off.

Thumb:

Divide the 20 thumb sts. onto 3 needles.
Knit for 16 rounds.
Next 2 rds: *K2tog*, repeat *-* to end of round.
Draw yarn through the remaining 5 sts and draw together.

Hanging Loop:

PU 3 sts at cuff on the side where your thumb is. Work 7" in I-cord. Tie off and sew end of I-cord to cuff.

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Felt in your washing machine with hot water. You may need to wash your mitt 3-4 times before they shrink enough. Dry your mittens by laying them flat for 1-2 days.

Caution: You must be sure mitts are fully felted with no individual stitches showing if they are going to protect from the heat.

Abbreviations:

K = Knit **rep = repeat** **inc = increase** **st(s) = stitch(es)** **rd(s) = round(s)** **k2tog = Knit 2 together**

