

# MINI MITTENS

*It's all about cute! These mittens are so adorable you won't be able to stop at just one pair. Hang them on your Christmas tree, turn them into a mitten garland, attach them to gifts, or use them as wrapping for a gift of lip balm or keep your usb key "cozy" with a little mitten. The afterthought thumb is an easy add on.*

**Materials:** Rowan Fine Tweed (100% wool, 25g/90m per ball) in two colours and 2.5 – 3.0mm double pointed needles.

**Gauge:** 28 – 36 sts over 10 cm

**Cast on** 20sts and arrange sts evenly over 3 dpns (e.g. 6sts/6sts/8sts).

**Cuff:** work 6 rounds in ribbing (k1, p1). Optional: add a stripe of contrast colour in the cuff.

**Hand:** Move stitches around so that you have half of your total stitches (10sts) on your first needle and one-quarter (5sts) on each of your second and third dpns. Work 12 rounds in stocking stitch (knit) then decrease for top of mitt as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> needle:** k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; **2<sup>nd</sup> needle:** k1, ssk, knit rem sts; **3<sup>rd</sup> needle:** knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Decrease every row, as above, until 8 sts rem in total. Then: **1<sup>st</sup> needle:** ssk, k2tog; **2<sup>nd</sup> needle:** ssk; **3<sup>rd</sup> needle:** k2tog.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6 inch tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Push tail into inside of mitten.

**Thumb:** Using the tip of one dpn, pick up one leg of three stitches approximately three rows above the cuff and one stitch in from the right/left hand edge. Next, pick up one leg of three more stitches in approximately five rows above the cuff (leaving one row in between the needles).



Transfer one st from each of the two dpns onto a third dpn so that you have 2 sts per needle. Join in a new piece of yarn and knit in the round for 6 rnds. Then decrease: (k2tog) 3 times. Cut yarn, leaving a 4 inch tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Push tail into inside of thumb.

**Finishing:** turn mitten inside out and weave in tails.

Knitting Abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit next two stitches together

st(s): stitch(es)

ssk: slip the next 2 sts, one at a time as if to knit, from the left hand needle to the right hand needle. Insert the tip of the left needle into the front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together.

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