



# **Antler Mitts**

#### KEY:

DPN = double pointed needles

sts = stitches

P = purl

K = knit

cn = cable needle

LH = left hand(ed)

RH = right hand(ed)

PM = place marker

M = marker

M1 = make 1 stitch by knitting into the

stitch below

k2tog = knit two stitches together

p2tog = purl two stitches together

ssk = slip, slip, knit together



This pattern size is for a woman's small/medium or a men's small.

# **MATERIALS:**

Size 4 DPNs Size 6 DPNs

Worsted weight yarn of choice

**Knitting markers** 

Cable needle or scrap yarn to hold thumb stitches

Scissors and tapestry needle for finishing

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Cast on 48 sts on size 4 DPNs as: needle 1 (20 sts), needle 2 (9 sts), needle 3 (10 sts) and needle 4 (9 sts). Join in the round. K1P1 rib for 14 rounds.

Switch to size 6 DPNs and begin pattern work. The first needle will be P2, pattern, P2. Then knit all remaining sts on other 3 needles. It can be helpful to put stitch markers at the beginning and end of the pattern between the purl stitches. Work 2 repeats of pattern then begin thumb gusset.

#### **PATTERN:**

Row 1: K4, C4B, C4F, K4 Row 2, 4, 6: knit 16

Row 3: K2, C4B, K4, C4F, K2

Row 5: C4B, K8, C4F

#### **PATTERN KEY:**

C4B = slip 2 sts to cn, hold in back, K2 from LH needle, K2 from cn C4F = slip 2 sts to cn, hold in front, K2 from LH needle, K2 from cn

#### THUMB GUSSET:

The beginning of the thumb gusset will be 4 sts past the furthermost right purl stitch on the LH mitten and 4 sts past the left furthermost purl edge on the RH mitten. So knit until 6 sts remain on LH mitten to begin gusset, and knit 4 sts past left purl edge to begin gusset on RH mitten.

Row 1: PM, M1, k2, M1, PM

Row 2: knit all stitches

Row 3: slipM, M1, knit to end, M1, slipM

Row 4: knit all stitches

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 16 sts are between markers, ending with completing a row 4. On next round knit until the stitch before the first thumb marker, and M1. Knit the next stitch. Remover marker, slip first stitch onto right needle without knitting. Then place 14 sts on holder. Place slipped stitch back onto left needle and k2tog.

Continue knitting the mitten until you have 8 total repeats of the antler cable pattern, then begin decreases.

## **PATTERN DECREASE KEY:**

C4Bdec = slip 2 sts to cn, hold in back, K2 from LH needle, k2tog from cn C4Fdec = slip 2 sts to cn, hold in front, ssk from LH needle, K2 from cn

### **DECREASES:**

Row 1: P2, K4, C4B, C4F, K4, P2

Rows 2, 4, 6: knit the knits and purl the purls

Row 3: P2, K2, C4Bdec, k2tog, ssk, C4Fdec, K2, P2, \*(k5, k2tog to end)\*

Row 5: p2tog, C4B, K4, C4F, p2tog, \*(k4, k2tog to end)\*

Row 7: P1, k2tog, C4Bdec, C4Fdec, ssk, P1, \*(k3, k2tog to end)\*

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Row 8: P1, (k2togx4), P1, \*(k2, k2tog to end)\*

Row 9: P1, (k2togx2), P1, \*(k1, k2tog to end)\*

Row 10: k2tog all

Bind off and sew together like a hat closure.

### **THUMB FINISHING:**

Pick up 14 sts from holder and 2 sts over the gap. Knit 12 rounds.

Row 13: k2tog all Row 14: k2tog all

Bind off and sew together like a hat closure.