



skill level: medium

Rosie Knits

Ernie's Mittens

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Not your average mittens, the combination of unique cuff adds a bit of whimsy to this striped pair. A quick, easy project for summer beach knitting, they're portable while providing the right amount of entertainment - it's not too early to start thinking about holiday gifts!

SIZE:

Women's Medium

MATERIALS:

1 set dpn and 16" circular, US #5 or size to obtain gauge

2 markers

stitch holder

YARN:

2 skeins Noro Yuzen (56% wool, 34% silk + 10% mohair) 50 g/121 yds per skein.

GAUGE:

4.75 sts = 1" over stockinette

NECESSARY SKILLS:

Knitting, Purling, increasing, decreasing, knitting in the round.

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DIRECTIONS: (Make 2)

HAND:

Using dpn, CO 36 sts. Join, being careful not to twist, and work in the round as follows:

Rnds 1 through 4: Purl.

Rnds 5 through 8: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 through 8 twice more, then rep rnds 1 through 4 again.

Rnd 33: Knit.

Rnd 34: *k7, k2tog; rep from * around. (32 sts).

Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 3 rounds.

Next rnd: Establish thumb gusset: k15, pm, m1, k2, m1, pm, k to end.

Knit 3 rnds.

Next rnd: k to m, sl m, m1, k to next m, m1, sl m, k to end.

Rep previous 4 rnds once more -- 8 sts between markers.

K approx. 6 rnds even (or until mitten reaches thumb webbing on your hand).

Next rnd: k to m, remove m, place next 8 sts on holder, CO 2, remove m, k to end.

Work even on these 32 sts for 3.5", or until mitten reaches tip of pinky finger.

Shape top: *k6, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 2: *k5, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 3: *k4, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 4: *k3, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 5: *k2tog; rep from * around.

Cut yarn, draw through rem 8 sts, and fasten off.

THUMB:

Return 8 held sts to 2 dpn. Using 3rd dpn, pick up and knit 4 sts along cast-on edge of hand. Work even on these 12 sts until thumb reaches top of your thumb.

Shape top: *k2, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 2: *k1, k2tog; rep from * around.

Rnd 3: *k2tog; rep from * around.

Cut yarn, draw through rem 3 sts, and fasten off.

Weave in ends.

