

Dear readers,

The tension used by the author throughout this book is 16 sts and 25 rows = 10cm/4in square in stocking stitch worked with UK 10 (3.25mm) needles. We'd like to point out, however, that the author has a unique way of working on very small needles that produces a relatively loose finish, and you may find this difficult to achieve on the needles she suggests.

We therefore strongly recommend that you test the tension of each pattern before beginning, and if necessary adjust the needle size to suit the yarn used. For guidance, if using Jiffy Lion Brand yarn, we recommend you use UK 7 (4.5mm) needles to achieve the correct tension. Another suitable alternative to Jiffy Lion Brand is Rowan Cocoon yarn; if using this yarn we suggest using UK 6 (5mm) needles. Please see page 119 for more information on tension.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused, and happy knitting!



playful penguin

MITTENS

LEVEL: intermediate

SIZES

6-12 months (12-24 months, 2-3 years)

MITTENS

Main yarn:

Colour A: 1 x 85g (3oz) ball (123m/135yd) Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic, Black

Small amounts:

Colour B: Lion Brand Jiffy Yarn, 100% acrylic, White

Colour D: Lion Brand Baby's First Yarn, 100% acrylic, Honey Bee

Needles:

- 4 x UK 14 (2mm) double-pointed needles
- 4 x UK 10 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles
- 2.75mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle

TENSION

16 sts and 25 rows = 10cm/4in square in stocking stitch, worked with UK 10 (3.25mm) needles.

19 sts and 28 rows = 10cm/4in square in k1, p1 rib, worked with UK 10 (3.25mm) needles.

MITTENS

(MAKE 2)

Cuff

Using UK 14 (2mm) double-pointed needles and A, cast on 22 (24, 26) sts and divide evenly among 3 needles. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Rounds 1-10 (1-12, 1-14): Work in k1, p1 rib.

Thumb gusset

Switch to UK 10 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles to work rest of mitten.

Round 1: MIR, knit to end of round. 23 (25, 27) sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: MIR, k1, mL, knit to end of round. 25 (27, 29) sts.

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: MIR, k3, mL, knit to end of round. 27 (29, 31) sts.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: MIR, k5, mL, knit to end of round. 29 (31, 33) sts.

Round 8: Knit.

Round (9, 9) (two larger sizes only): MIR, k7, mL, knit to end of round. (33, 35) sts.

Round 9 (10, 10): K1, place 7 (9, 9) thumb stitches on waste yarn and rejoin to work hand stitches in the round, k21 (23, 25). 22 (24, 26) sts.

Rounds 10-19 (11-23, 11-25): Knit.

Switch to B.

Rounds 19-22 (23-26, 25-28): Knit.

Closing up the top

Round 23 (27, 29): K2tog to end of round. 11 (12, 13) sts.

Round 24 (28, 30): Knit.

Round 25 (29, 31): K2tog to end of round. (If you get to the end of the round with only one stitch left, knit it.) 6 (6, 7) sts.

Cut a tail long enough to weave in. Pull it through all the stitches and remove them from the needles. Pull the tail tightly and secure. Weave in ends.

Thumb

Place 7 (9, 9) stitches from waste yarn on to UK 10 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles. Rejoin yarn and pick up one extra stitch in the corner where the mitten meets the gusset. 8 (10, 10) sts.

Rounds 1-6 (1-6, 1-8): Knit.

Round 7 (7, 9): K2tog to end of round. 4 (5, 5) sts. Finish as for mitten Closing up the top.

Beak

With the crochet hook and D, make 4ch, 1ss in 2nd ch from the hook, 1dc in 3rd ch from the hook, 1thr in 4th ch from the hook. Fasten off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing.

MAKING UP

- 1 With A embroider the foreheads in satin stitch.
- 2 Embroider eyes using A.
- 3 Sew the beaks on to the mittens.
- 4 Weave in ends.



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