

## **Infinitely Adjustable Fingerless Mitts on Two Needles**

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### **Abbreviations:**

CO – Cast On

BO – Bind Off (I use the sewn method to make a nice stretchy BO)

PM – Place Marker

SM – Slip Marker

RM – Remove Marker

RS – Right Side

WS – Wrong Side

m1 – Make 1 stitch. (I use the knit in front and back of stitch method)

This example uses DK yarn on 4mm needles to make mitts that fit a Medium ladies hand.

### **Left Hand**

CO 36sts

1 - Work 3x1 rib for desired cuff length.

2 - On RS knit across row

3 - Continue in stockinette until you reach the base of the thumb joint (usually 1"-1.5" above rib)

4 - k10, PM, k2, m1, \*k2\*, m1, k2, PM, k to end (38 sts)

5 - purl

6 - k10, SM, k2, m1, \*k4\*, m1, k2, SM, k to end (40 sts)

7 - purl

8 - K10, SM (slip marker), K2, M1, knit to within 3 stitches of the marker, M1, K2, SM, Knit to end

9 – Purl

10 – Repeat rows 8 and 9 until there are 18 stitches between the markers

11 - k10, RM, k2, BO 14sts, k2, RM, k to end

12 – p20, cast on 2, p12 (36 sts)

13 – stockinette stitch until your mitts are about 0.5" off the length you want

14 – Do either 2x2 or 3x1 rib until mitts are desired length.

15 – BO

With WS facing out, sew up the side of the mitt, turn right way out and you're done.

**\*\* For the Right Hand** reverse the stitch order in each of sections 4 to 10 (so section 4 would read: k18, PM, m1, \*k2\*, m1, PM, k to end)

### **Adjusting Notes:**

If you want to add a selvedge for easy seaming, add 2sts to the number cast on then slip the first stitch of each row for an easy-to-seam edge.

In section 9 if you put the 14 sts on a holder or scrap of yarn and CO 2 now instead of section 10 you can pick up those stitches later and make the thumb longer or even an enclosed thumb.

If you want to put in a pattern bear in mind the thumb sections. Any pattern that uses 18 stitches or less will fit neatly on the back of the mitt, just remember to put it in the stitches that will form the back of the mitt (first 18sts of right hand, last 18 sts of left hand).

If you have trouble making your mitts the same length try knitting both at once. Use a ball for each mitt and untwist every so often to avoid tangles. Also useful for if you want to make it up as you go.

With just a little imagination this pattern can be adapted in many ways.