

Thumbby Armwarmers

a free pattern by Nikki Bollman of Sticks and Scribbles



This pattern is intentionally simple, designed to show off the unique colors in my skeins of handspun yarn. The addition of the thumb takes it a step up from the ribbed tube armwarmers I've made, and I adore the finished product. I hope you do too!

Supplies:

Yarn: Handspun, fingering or DK weight

Needles: Set of 4 US Size 3 double-pointed needles

2 Stitch markers

Darning needle

Cast on:

Cast on a total of 48 sts, divided across 3 needles (16sts on each needle).

Knit in 2x2 ribbing for 1.25 inches.

Knit in stockinette stitch for 3.5 inches.

(On the next round, K2, place marker, m1, K2, m1, place marker, k to end of round.

Knit 2 rounds.)

Repeat these three rounds until there are 16 sts between the markers. Be sure to knit the 2 plain rounds after the increase round that gives you 16sts.

On the next row, knit 1, remove marker, and place the 15sts between the markers on a piece of waste yarn.

Cast on 2 using the backwards loop cast on, then join the work by knitting the next stitch on the needle and knitting around. The stitches on the waste yarn should stick out and look like a thumb when folded flat. You should now have 16sts on each needle again.

Knit in stockinette for another half an inch.

Knit in 2x2 ribbing for about another inch. Try on the glove as you go to see if you like the length, and adjust.

Bind off the top of the mitt.

Thumb:

Place sts from waste yarn onto 3 dpns, and pick up 3sts in space where the thumb meets the body of the mitt.

Knit until the thumb is about 1.5 inches long. Again, try the mitt on as you go to see if you like the thumb length.

Second armwarmer:

Repeat all instructions for the second armwarmer! The placement of the thumb does not matter for this pattern.

Weave in all ends, don armwarmers, and enjoy your toasty hands!