



iPod Mittens

Materials:

- Approx 170 yards “aran” weight yarn. I purposely used a heavier yarn, knitted on smaller needles to produce a denser fabric.
- Markers and stitch holders (2 small ones for the thumbs and one medium one for the “pocket”)
- a small amount of a smooth “waste” yarn
- crochet hook (really any size will do)
- Gauge: 6st/1” on US 6

Instructions:

The instructions given here are to knit these mittens using the “magic loop” method...knitting both mittens at the same time. If needed, there are many on-line references for more information on the “magic loop.” You

can, of course, convert the pattern and use double pointed needles to knit this in the round, one at a time.

To knit, use either 2 balls of yarn, or pulling a string from the center and one from the outside of the ball.

Because these mittens are knitted using the Magic Loop Method, you’ll first knit 1/2 of the left mitten, then 1/2 of the right. Then you turn the work push the front needle back through the work and pull the needle in the back out from the work to use, and knit the back half of the right mitten and then finally the back half of the left mitten. This is a great way to knit, because you can try them on from time to time and create a custom fit. If you’re new to it, there are many resources on the ‘net to show you how to work in the “magic loop”. Most times a picture shows so much more than words can describe. So for the purposes of these directions if you’re instructed to “knit around” that means to knit both parts of the mitten on the front needle, turn them around and then knit both mittens on the back needle.

Cast on 6 stitches for the right mitten then using another strand of yarn, 6 stitches for the left mitten. Any cast on method will due, I used the long-tail method.

Slide the stitches to the other side of the circular needle. Yes, the feed yarn seems to be on the wrong side, but this is OK. Position your needles so that both are “pointing” to the left and the needle with the cast-on stitches positioned behind the empty needle. Now starting with the stitch furthest away from the tip, pick up 6 stitches, one from each cast on stitch by inserting the needle into the stitch, wrapping and pulling a new stitch through (just like knitting) but not taking it off of the needle. Do this for both mittens. Now you’ll have two needles pointing to the left each with two sets of six stitches on them.

Turn the needles so they are both facing to the right now. The “right” side of the work is facing “down”, and what will become the inside of the mitten will be facing “up.”

(note: This is a “knitting in the round” knitting method, but the firsts few rows won’t look like that...don’t worry that happens, keep at it and eventually you’ll see that you’re knitting a mitten.)

Round 1: Knit all stitches

Round 2: *K1; M1L, K4, M1R, k1* repeat from * to * around (each mitten now has a total of 16 sts)

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: *K1; M1L, knit across to last stitch, M1R, K1* repeat from * to * around (each mitten now has a total of 20 sts)

Row 5-24: Repeat rows 3 and 4, 10 times (each mitten now has a total of 60 sts)

(This next row, you will pick up stitches and hold them on a stitch holder to be knitted into the pocket for the iPod later on in the pattern.)

Round 25: Do the following on the hand you want the iPod pocket to be on. If you want it on the back of the left hand, begin the row with the following:

K8; Using a stitch holder pick up and knit, from the stitch in the row below the next stitch and keep on the stitch holder, with your needle knit the next stitch (the one above the one you just “picked up” until you’ve picked up 14 stitches. Knit the final 8 stitches. *(this pattern was written to accomodate a 5th generation iPod. To accomodate a Nano or Mini, adjust the width of the pocket. Remember, a snug fit is better than a loose fit.*

If you want it on the back of the right hand, knit the stitches of the “left” mitten first.

Knit across the rest of the “back” stitches.

Rounds 26-36: Knit all stitches *(lengthen or shorten here)*

Round 37:

Front side:

right mitten

Knit across, slipping the last five on to a stitch holder after you've knitted them.

left mitten: knit 5, slip these on to a stitch holder (after having knit them), knit to the end, slip and turn (one-half of both mitten rounds completed.)

Back Side:

left mitten

Knit across, slipping the last 5 knitted stitches to the same stitch holder (now there will be 10 stitches on the holder; 5 from the "back" and 5 from the "front".

right mitten

knit 5 stitches and slip these onto the stitch holder (now there will be 10 stitches on the holder; 5 from the "back" and 5 from the "front".

Crocheted Provisional Cast-on.

Using what will be "waste" yarn, preferably something smooth like cotton, make two "chains" of 11 stitches each. You will be picking up stitches from the "bumps" on the back side of the chain to bridge the "gap" that you created by putting the 10 stitches on the holders. Later you will unravel the crocheted chain to expose "live" stitches that you will pick up when knitting the thumbs.

Round 38: Knit across 21 stitches, Pick up 5 stitches from the crocheted cast on. Pick up 5 sts from the provisional cast on, knit 21 stitches. Turn to the back side. k 21 sts, p/u 5 more sts from the crocheted cast on. , K 21 sts, pick up 5 more sts from the cast on.

Round 39-42: Knit 4 rounds even

Round 43 (left mitten)*K19, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K19**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Round 44: Knit around

Round 45: (left mitten)*K18, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K18**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Round 46: Knit around

Round 47: (left mitten)*K17, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K17**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Round 48: Knit around

Round 49: (left mitten)*K16, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K16**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Round 50: Knit around

Round 51: (left mitten)*K16, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K16**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Round 52: Knit around

Round 53: (left mitten)*K15, K2tog, PM K5*; (right mitten) **K5, PM, SSK, K15**; slip and turn to back side of mittens (right mitten): Repeat from * to *; (left mitten): Repeat from ** to **.

Rounds 54-57: Knit 4 rounds even

Ribbing: Knit K2, P2 ribbing for 3”

Bind off and weave in ends

Thumbs

Pick Up 10 sts from stitch holder and pull the needle through so that when you pick up the 10 sts from the provisional cast on both needles are facing (pointing) the same way.

Unravel the provisional cast and pick up the 10 lives stitches

Round 1: *K10, pick up 2 sts from “space” between* repeat from * to *

Round 2-18: Knit all stitches

Round 19: K2, K2tog around

Round 20: Knit around

Round 21: K1, K2tog around

Round 22: K around

Round 23: K2tog around

Round 24: cut yarn leaving a 10 inch tail, Using a yarn needles, weave yarn through remaining 6 sts and pull closed. Weave in ends

Repeat on other thumb.

iPod Pocket

Pick up 14 sts from stitch holder on back of right hand needle

1st row: K increasing 1 sts on each end (16 sts)

Continue in stockinette stitch for 4" ending having just worked a purl row.

K2 P2 across for 4 rows

Bind off

Sew pocket edges to top of right hand mitten, being careful not to sew the mitten closed