Neopolitan Swirl Mittens

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Note: These mittens are created with the technique of "yarn pooling." To create the diagonal swirl effect, it is extremely important to obtain the correct gauge and also to use the specified yarn listed.

Size: Adult Small/Medium

Difficulty Level: Easy ★☆☆☆

Materials: 1 (3.5 oz.) skein Loops and Threads Impeccable yarn, color Neopolitan; double pointed needles, sizes 6 and 8 (U.S.) or long circular needles for Magic Loop Method; 24-inch length of scrap yarn; 1 stitch marker; tapestry needle for finishing.

Gauge: 4 1/2 sts/inch in stockinette stitch

Directions: (make 2)

With size 6 needles, cast on 38 sts.

Being careful that sts are not twisted, join into a round and place a marker to denote beginning of rounds. Work (k1, p1) around until cuff measures 2 1/2 inches (or desired length of cuff).

Change to size 8 needles and KNIT around for 1 1/4 inches more, ending at marker.

Thumb Opening Round: k2, with scrap yarn, k6. Turn, p6. Turn. Leave both ends of scrap yarn hanging free. Scrap yarn will be left in place while remainder of mitten is worked.

PIck up working yarn again and continue knitting in rounds until mitten measures 6 1/2 inches from TOP OF RIBBING.

Decrease Round 1: (K2 tog) around.

Next Round. Knit.
Decrease Round 2: (k2 tog) around to last st, k1.
Cut yarn, leaving an 8-10 inch tail. With tapestry needle, thread yarn through sts on needle and pull tight. Fasten off and weave in end.

Thumb:
Using tapestry needle, gently remove sts of scrap yarn. Using size 8 needles, insert needles in bottom 6 sts of thumb opening, and top 5 sts of thumb opening, distributing sts evenly around. Attach yarn and knit, picking up 1 st at each side of thumb opening to close the gap.
Continue knitting in rounds until thumb measures 2 1/2 inches.
(K2 tog) around, knitting last single stitch.
Cut yarn, leaving an 8-10 inch tail. With tapestry needle, thread yarn through sts on needle and pull tight. Fasten off and weave in end.