

Scrappy Owl Mittens

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Difficulty Level: ★★☆☆☆

Materials: Various colors of Worsted/Aran weight yarn (Colors A,B,C,D); size 6 and 8 (U.S.) double pointed needles (or long circular needles for Magic Loop); cable needle; 4 small black buttons for eyes.

Gauge: 4 sts/inch in stockinette stitch on larger needles.

Abbreviations:

Kfb- knit into front and back of next st

M1L- lift running thread from front to back, and knit into back of st.

M1R- lift running thread from back to front and knit into front of st.

BC- slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back of work; k2, then k2 from cable needle.

FC- slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work; k2, then k2 from cable needle.



Instructions:

With Color A and smaller needles, cast on 32 sts, distributing evenly among needles. Work 18 Rounds in 1x1 rib.

Change to larger needles.

Round1: (k1 with A, k1 with B) around. On very last st of round, kfb.

Round 2 (inc round): M1L, place a marker; (k1 with A, k1 with B) around to last stitch, place a marker, M1R, k1.

Round 3: Drop color A. Working in Color B only and slipping markers as you come to them, k4, p2, k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1, p2, knit to end. (36 sts)

Round 4: k4, p2, k8, p2, knit to end.

Round 5 (inc round): k1, M1L, slip marker, k3, p2, FC, BC, p2, k19, slip marker M1R, k2.

Round 6: k5, p2, k8, p2, knit to end.

Round 7: rep round 6.

Round 8 (inc round): k2, M1L, slip marker, k3, p2, k8, p2, k19, slip marker, M1R, k3.

Round 9: k6, p2, k8, p2, knit to end.

Round 10: rep round 9.

Round 11 (inc round): k3, M1L, slip marker, k3, p2, FC, BC, p2, k19, slip marker, M1R, k4.

Round 12: k7, p2, k8, p2, knit to end.

Round 13: rep round 12.

Round 14: (inc round): k4, M1L, slip marker, k3, p2, k8, p2, k19, slip marker, M1R, k5.

Round 15: (k8, p2) twice, knit to end.

Round 16: rep round 15.

Round 17 (inc round): k5, M1L, slip marker, k3, p2, k8, p2, k19, slip marker, M1R, k6.

Round 18: k9, p2, k8, p2, k19. Place last 7 sts of round and first 6 sts of next round onto a spare length of yarn for the thumb sts. Cast on 1 st (35 sts)

Round 19: k3, p2, FC, BC, p2, k20.

Rounds 20 and 21: k3, p2, k8, p2, k20.

Round 22: purl.

Round 23: k5, k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, knit to end. (33 sts)

Round 24: purl. Change to Color C.

Round 25: knit, decreasing 1 st. (32 sts)

Rounds 26 and 27: (k2, p2) around.

Rounds 28 and 29: (p2, k2) around.

Rep Rounds 26-29 three more times.

Change to Color D.

Round 1: knit.

Round 2: (k6, k2tog) around.

Round 3: knit

Round 4: (k5, k2tog) around.

Round 5: knit

Round 6: (k4, k2tog) around.

Round 7: knit

Round 8: (k3, k2tog) around.

Round 9: knit

Round 10: (k2, k2tog) around.

Round 11: (k1, k2tog) around.

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight and fasten off.

Thumb: Place 13 thumb sts onto needles. With Color D , knit around, picking up 1 st at opening. (14 sts)

Knit 9 rounds.

Dec Round 1: (k2 tog, k3) twice, k2tog, k2.

Round 2: knit

Dec Round 3: (k2tog, k2) twice, k2tog, k1.

Round 4: knit

Dec Round 5: (k2tog, k1) twice, k2 tog.

Cut yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight and fasten off.

Sew buttons onto "Owl" head with contrasting color.

Second Mitten: Follow instructions for first mitten, only place owl motif on last set of 16 sts instead of first 16 sts.

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