

## WWII Mitts Redux



I adapted this pattern from one I found in a WWII “Knit for the Troops” book. The original was made with sock-weight yarn on two needles. I used a heavier yarn worked in the round, to avoid seaming. The cuffs are sized to fit over the sleeves of a shirt or light jacket.

I used Lion Brand Fisherman’s Wool, a heavy worsted weight yarn, which I hand dyed. The manufacturer recommends a gauge of 18 stitches = 4 inches. I knit a

little tighter for improved wear.

Gauge: 20 stitches, 24 rows = 4” (10 cm) in stockinette stitch

Needles: Set of 5 double-pointed needles in US 7 **or** whatever size gives *you* the necessary gauge

Yarn: 110 yards heavy worsted

Finished Size: Ladies’ Medium, about 9” long

### Instructions

Cast on 45 stitches and divide on three needles. Join in a ring, being careful not to twist. Work in k4, p1 ribbing for two inches.

Decrease round: \*k4, p1, k1, k2tog, k1, p1, k4, p1; repeat from \* around

Each needle now has two k4, p1 sections, with a k3, p1 section in the middle. Work in this pattern for another inch; mitt now measures 3 inches.

Decrease round: \*k1, k2tog, k1, p1, k3, p1, k1, k2tog, k1, p1; repeat from \* around

You now have a total of 36 stitches. Work in k3, p1 ribbing until mitt measures 5 inches. Now you are ready to work back and forth to make the thumb hole.

Round 1 (WS): s11, \*p3, k1; repeat from \* across

Round 2 (RS): s11, k2, p1, \*k3, p1; repeat from \* across to last stitch. **Knit** the last stitch (rather than purl).

Work these two rounds for two inches, ending with a WS row. Mitt now measures 7 inches from cast on edge.

Rejoin in round, and work in k3, p1 ribbing for additional 2 inches. Bind off; work in yarn ends.

Repeat for second mitt.