Toddler's Fingerless Mitts-to-Mittens

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...The inspiration for which can be read here!

The top of the mitten is loosely ribbed, and can be folded down to free the tiny fingers, or left up to keep them warm. I am including the extremely simple Makka Pakka chart as an example only – any suitable character could be used instead.

Materials
DK / 8 ply yarn, one ball – I used about 20g of Yarncraft DK in purple.
5x2.25mm (US #1, UK/Can #13) dpns.
5x2.75mm (US #2, UK/Can #12) dpns.
Markers (small loops of yarn will do).
Small amounts of coloured yarn for embroidery – I used cream, nutmeg, and black chenille.
Tapestry or wool needle.

Gauge
ɔcking stitch on 2.75mm (2,12) dpns.

Size
Toddler, 2-4 years.

Abbreviations
dec – decrease; dpns – double-pointed (sock) needles; inc – increase; k – knit;
k2tog – knit 2 sts together; r – row/round(s); rpt – repeat; st(s) – stitch(es);

Pattern

Cuff
Using 5x2.25mm (1,13) dpns, cast on 36sts using the Cable Cast-on method (9sts per needle).
Work 15r of 2x2 rib, to last 2sts of 15th r. K2tog (35sts). Place marker.

Palm
Switch to 2.75mm (2,12) dpns, and continue in stocking stitch for 3 r.

> Thumb Pt I
> On the 4th r, inc 1 st in first st, k1, inc 1st in next st, k to end of r (37sts).
> *5th and 6th r: K all.
> 7th r: Inc 1st in first st, k 3, inc 1st in next st, k to end** (39sts).
> Rpt * to ** 3 times, leaving 2 more sts between the inc sts in each repeat of the 7th r (45sts).
> K 2r without increases.

Palm cont.
Slip the first 12sts of the next r onto waste yarn. K remaining sts, and cast on 2sts at end (37sts).
Rejoin to the sts at the start of the round, and continue in stocking stitch to the required palm length (25r from the end of the cuff ribbing in the pair I made). Dec 1 st at the end of the last r (36sts).

Finger Muff

Continuing with the 2.75mm (2,12) dpns, commence 2x2 ribbing. Continue for 15r. Bind off loosely in rib pattern, using the Suspended Bind-Off for preference.

Thumb Pt II

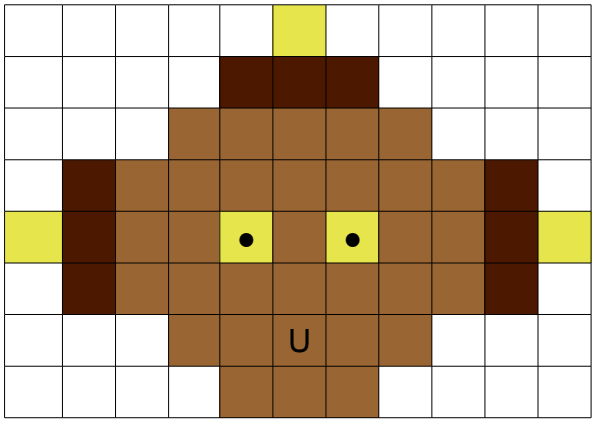
Using 4x2.75mm (2,12) dpns, pick up 3sts from the hand edge of the thumb, followed by the 12sts on waste yarn (15sts – 5sts on each of 3dpns). K 5r.
6th r: k2tog, *k2, k2tog, rpt from * to last st, k1 (11sts). K next round.
8th r: k2tog, *k2, k2tog, rpt from * to last st, k1 (8sts). K next round.
10th r: k2tog, *k1, k2tog, rpt from * to end (5sts). K next round.
Break off yarn, thread through a needle, sew through remaining sts and pull tight to close.

Embroidery

Thread a tapestry needle with the coloured yarn. For each block in the chart, sew the yarn over and under the two legs of the 'V' of a single knitted stitch 2-3 times, taking care to keep the block square. Do not sew too tightly.

The dots for the eyes are French knots, and the smile is just a couple of straight stitches slanting in a wide 'V' shape.

I know the colours aren't exact, but my now 3-year-old still doesn't notice!



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