

GALWAY WORSTED Felted Oven Mitt



Materials: 2 balls Galway Worsted

Needles: US #11 (8.0 mm) double pointed needles,
Stitch markers

Gauge: Not important on this project- about 2.5-3 sts
=1".

NOTE: Galway used double stranded throughout.
Loosely cast on 46 sts and divide onto 3 DPN's. Join,
taking care not to twist and work 1 ridge of garter st as
follows: knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

Continue in st st – knitting every round for 15 rounds.
Next round: With a piece of waste cotton, knit next 5
sts. Slide the 5 sts just worked back to the LH needle
and picking up the MC yarn, Knit them again.

Continue working in st st for 24 additional rounds.
Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round and
between sts 23 & 24. Work decreases at the top of the
mitten as follows:

Round 1: * (SSK, knit until 2 sts remain before

marker, K2tog), repeat from * once more for second side of mitt.

Round 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat these 2 rounds until a total of 20 sts remain.

Divide sts onto 2 needles and work Kitchener st to join at top of mitt. Weave in ends.

Thumb

Remove the waste cotton and place the 5 sts at the bottom of the opening onto one DPN and put the 5 sts at the top of the opening on another DPN. Knit 5 sts from first needle, pick up and knit 3 sts on side between needles, k5 from second needle, pick up and knit 3 sts between needles. Distribute the 16 sts between the 3 needles. Work 10 rounds in st st.

Begin decreases at top of thumb as follows:

Round 1: (K2, k2tog) 4 times.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: (K1, k2tog) 4 times.

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: (K2tog) 4 times.

Cut yarn and thread onto tapestry needle. Pull yarn through all sts on the needles and pull top of thumb together. Weave in ends.

Felting Instructions

Place the mitt in a zippered bag and put in washing machine with a small amount of soap and a pair of old jeans.

Use lowest water level and hottest water temperature possible. All machines work differently so check the progress about halfway through the first wash cycle. Check to make sure that the thumb has not felted to itself.

Depending on machine, and water chemistry and temperatures, two or three cycles may be required to fully felt the mitt. Once felted to desired level, rinse and spin lightly so as to remove excess water, but not create creases. Pull into shape and air dry over a tall bottle.

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ABBREVIATIONS: K = knit, p = purl, st(s) = stitch(es), RS = right side, WS = wrong side, YO = yarn over, k2tog = knit 2 sts together, pssso = pass the slipped st over, ssk = slip 1 st as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit, knit them together in that position through back loop.