

Swerve

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These mitts have a lot going on to keep a knitter interested - two different working directions, a kind of faux cables worked with increases and decreases, simple short rows (no wrapping), 3 different kinds of bind-off and cast-on (sort of)... but with stitch markers to help keep track of everything, it's probably easier than it all looks, and will leave you with some classic but totally unique, fitted and comfy fingerless mitts!

The garter stitch cuff is worked flat, using a sideways edge cast-on to create stitches across the top of the cuff, which then become the hand cast-on stitches when joined around. Process photos on the back might help if it's a new technique, but it's pretty simple once you get it!

There's just one pattern for both left and right hand mitts, designed so that the seam falls on the outside of both wrists, and the faux cables cross on the outside of each hand. Weave in the top ends carefully so that the tops are matching on both sides.

The mitts will fit best if you choose the smallest size that fits you - the pattern tells you when to check for fit as you work. In the photo examples, you can see how the medium size (yellow tweed) pair is loose on narrow hands, making them baggy around the base of the hands, but the small size samples (both the self-stripping blue and the green tweed) are perfectly fitted.

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You need

- ▶ approx 90{115, 135} yards / 82{105, 124} meters for sizes small{medium, large} aran weight yarn
- examples are Knit Picks *City Tweed* (Lemon Curd and Jacquard), Knit Picks *Chroma* self-stripping (North Woods) and Crystal Palace Yarns *Taos* self-stripping (Mirage)
- ▶ size US 8 / 5mm double pointed needles, or size to get gauge, or a long circular needle to work the magic loop method
- ▶ extra set of double pointed (or circular) needles, around 2 sizes smaller than main set
- ▶ crochet hook for provisional cast-on
- ▶ 2 stitch markers, different colors or types from each other

