

Easy Felted Oven Mitts

This pattern is for simple, thumbless oven mitts. Knitters need to know how to cast on, knit, bind off and sew seams together. They are designed to be washed in the washing machine and dried in the clothes dryer after use. They will felt a little more each time they are laundered which makes them thicker and provides better insulation against hot dishes.

Needles: Size 13, 12 inch straight or Circular needles and one extra needle in a comparable size for 3 needle bind off.

Yarn: 1 skein each of Wool of the Andes "Blue Bonnet" and "Winter Night", 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 110 yards/50 grams each, or any 100% wool yarn in your favorite colors. (Note: This amount of yarn makes one mitt. To make two mitts, double yarn amounts.)

Gauge: Not important for this project

Method:

Holding two strands of yarn together (1 strand of each color) cast on 44 sts. Knitting back and forth (do not join to knit in the round) continue in garter stitch (knit every row) until you have 25 ridges.

Knit across first 22 sts and fold work in half; 22 sts on each needle. Using the third needle and the three needle bind off method, bind off all stitches and cut thread leaving an eighteen inch tail. Turn work inside out and use yarn from tail to sew side seams together. Work in yarn ends and felt using your favorite method. (I washed mine with a load of towels in a top load washer and hot water. Then threw them in the dryer.)

Instructions for three needle bind off can be found here:

<http://knitting.about.com/od/bindoffs/qt/3-needle.htm>

http://community.knitpicks.com/notes/Binding_Off_-_3-Needle_Bind_Off

and a video here:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/casting-off>

Instructions for felting/fulling can be found here:

http://knitting.about.com/od/felting/ss/how_to_felt.htm

<http://community.knitpicks.com/notes/Felting>

Size before Felting:



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