

Pastilles Fingerless Mitts

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The original pattern was made with Drops Big Merino wool (1,5 skein). I used circular needles n°4 using a magic loop for the hands and thumbs. You'll also need a stitch marker.
(video tutorial magic loop : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PC7f9fn9wfk>).

Stitches :

Single rib:

R1 : *Knit 1, Purl1*, all around.

R2 : Knit and purl the stitches as they come.

Pastille stitch:

R1 : * Knit 5, 1 ball *, repeat all around.

R2 : Knit.

R3 : Knit 1, *1 ball, Knit 5*, repeat all around, knit 4.

R4 : Knit.

To make the ball: place 3 stitches on a cable needle, wrap the thread six times around the 3 stitches counterclockwise.

Hand

Cast on 40 stitches and knit five rows of single ribs in the round. Mark the start of the row with a stitch marker, use the magic loop technique.

Knit two rows in stockinette stitch (knit 2 rows).

Then:

R1 : * Knit 5, 1 ball *, repeat all around.

R2 : Knit.

R3 : Knit 1, 1 ball, *Knit 5, 1 ball* x 4, end with 4 stitches.

R4 : Knit.

Repeat rows 1 to 4 a total of 4 times, and 1 time row 1 to 3 (this makes five columns of pastilles).

Next row Knit ; the thumb increase will be done around the stitch marker. For the increase, increase 1 stitch on both sides of the 1st stitch of the row, a total of 5 times 1 row out of 2.

Meanwhile go on with the pastille stitch like before, Do NOT make balls between the increases for the thumb.

After the last row of increases knit your pastille row and set aside the 11 thumb stitches on a stitch holder or a big safety pin, create a stitch above the 11 thumb stitches and go on knitting in the round.

Go on with the pastille stitch until you have 11 columns of your little balls.

End with 5 rows of single ribs and bind off.

Thumb

Switch the 11 stitches from your stitch holder onto your needle, knit up 5 stitches around the hole of the thumb, knit two rows + 5 rows of single ribs, bind off.

You're done !

If like me you like them even warmer, line your mittens with polar fleece
Just sew a tube leaving an opening for the thumb !

