

'Cactus' glove - long, fingerless mitts

You will need:

- 1 100gram ball of 4-ply sock wool
- 4 double-ended needles, size 2.75

To make the mitts:

Cast on 61 stitches on 3 needles, arranging them as 20, 21, 20. Work 16 rows in K2, p2 rib, noting that you'll need to knit 3 stitches instead of 2 on the middle needle. This extra stitch is related to making the thumb. Knit every round until your work is 20cm (8 inches) from the beginning.

For the thumb: Knit 20 stitches on the first needle. Knit 10 on second needle, make 1 by picking up the loop between the two stiches and knit into the back of it, knit 1, make one as before, and then complete the round.

Continue, increasing as above on every other row until you have 23 stitches for the thumb. Leave these 23 stitches on a length of wool.

Continue knitting on the main part of the glove. Knit 30 rows and then cast off. The top will roll over. If you prefer to finish the glove with rib, then Knit 24 rows and work 6 rows in K2, P2 rib.

Return to the 23 stitches for the thumb and put them on 3 needles. Knit for 16 rows and then cast off. If you prefer, knit 10 rows and work 6 rows in K2, P2 rib (the last stich will be P1, not 2.