



Lydia's Lacy Edged Mittens

These are elegant and toasty warm mittens with a lacy bell-shaped layer inspired by a drawing my daughter made. The lacy edging drapes over and peeks out of your coat or jacket sleeve, making a pretty little surprise.

This project requires a unique construction: First, knit the ribbing on double pointed needles, then using larger needles, knit the lacy edging on two needles. These two are joined by the double needles bind off technique.

Next, stitches are picked up around the cuff, and the mitten is knitted upwards on double pointed needles.

Materials

Two skeins of Nature's Palette Hand Jive yarn
Double pointed needles size 3.0mm, (3 US)
Single point needles size 4.0mm (6 US)
Ring markers

Tension

Six stitches to the inch in stockinette on the size 3 needles. The width of the knitted lace edging will be approximately 6 inches.

Lacy Ripple Stitch (18 stitch unit)

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit two stitches together 3 times, yarn over and knit one 6 times, knit two stitches together 3 times. Repeat across row.

Row 4: Purl

Begin!

Cast on 48 stitches with double point needles, divide on 3 needles, and join, being careful not to twist yarn. Work in 1x1 rib for 3 inches. Leave on needles for the time being.

Using size 6 needles, cast on 54 stitches, placing ring markers every 18 stitches. Work on two needles, back and forth in Lacy Ripple Stitch for 5 repeats total, then stockinette stitch for 8 rows total, decreasing evenly on the last row for a total of 48 stitches. (In total the lacy edge will measure 5 inches long.) Leave stitches on needles.

With right sides facing together, double needle bind off the stitches from the cuff, and the lacy edge together. Steam lacy edging out flat, and sew up seam.

With a crochet needle, and the size 3 double point needles, pick up and knit 48 stitches from the bind off row of cuff/lacy edging, and divide on the 3 needles. Join in the round and begin mitten.

Mitten

Knitting in the round on size 3 double point needles, work stockinette stitch for 3 inches. Place a ring marker at the beginning of the round, increase one stitch, knit one stitch, and increase one more stitch, and place a second marker.

Increase one stitch on either side of the two markers every other round until there are a total of 13 stitches between markers.

Place the 13 stitches on a piece of waste yarn, and make a backward loop increase to cover the little gap when the row is rejoined.

Continue in the round on 44 stitches until mitten measures up to the top of the pinkie finger.

Shape Top

Row 1: Knit 8 stitches, knit 2 together. Repeat across row.

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: Knit 7 stitches, knit 2 together. Repeat across row.

Row 4: Knit

Continue in this manner, until there are 28 stitches left. Then every row, knit every 2 stitches together until 4 stitches remain. Cut yarn, thread tail through remaining stitches, pull taut like a drawstring, anchor inside and secure.

Thumb

Place 13 stitches from waste yarn onto 3 double point needles and add another loop for a total of 14 stitches. Pick up 6 stitches from the opposite side of the thumb stitches, and join a new ball of yarn.

Work in the round on these 20 stitches until thumb measures 3 inches, or to middle of thumbnail. Shape top by knitting 2 stitches together across row. Knit next round. Knit 2 stitches across row. Continue in this pattern until 3 stitches remain. Cut yarn, pull through stitches and use tail to sew up thumb seam. Steam lightly and sew in ends.

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