

STRIPED FINGERLESS MITTS

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► This unisex pattern will keep your wrists warm while you bike, type, or play bass. It's great as a quick and satisfying knit for yourself, or make and gift them to a friend! Fingerless mitts keep you warm on chilly spring nights while keeping your fingers free for more projects!

Arm

With yarn color A, CO 33(42) sts using the long tail method and distribute sts across 3 DPNs, 11(14) on each needle.

- » **Row 2:** Join round and K 1 more row in color A.
- » **Row 3:** Switch to color B and knit 2 rows in the round.
- » **Rows 5 to 57:** Alternate colors A and B, carrying up the alternating color's strand on the WS.

Thumb

- » **Row 58:** K 11(14) sts in color A (the sts from the first DPN). K 4, m 1, K 3(6), m 1, K 4. K 11(14).
- » **Row 59:** Switch colors and K plain.
- » **Row 60:** K 11(14) sts from first DPN. K 4, m 1, K 5(8), m 1, K 4. K 11(14) sts from last DPN.
- » **Row 61:** Switch colors and K plain.
- » **Row 62:** K 11(14) sts from first DPN. K 4, m 1, K 7(10), m 1, K 4. K 11(14) sts from last DPN.
- » **Row 63:** Switch colors and K plain.
- » **Row 64:** K 11(14) sts from first DPN. K 4, m 1, K 9(12), m 1, K 4. K 11(14) sts from last DPN.
- » **Row 65:** Switch colors and K plain.
- » **Row 66:** K 11(14) sts from first DPN. K 4, m 1, K 11(14), m 1, K 4. K 11(14) sts from last DPN.

Note: From here on out, switch colors every 2 rows on your own.

- » **Row 67:** K 11(14) sts from first DPN. K 4, m 1, K 13(16), m 1, K 1, CO 2(3). Transfer remaining 14(17) stitches from last DPN to circular needle or long piece of wire to form a long stitch holder.
- » **Row 68:** Transfer first 14(17) sts to the stitch holder. Distribute thumb stitches evenly over 3 DPNs. Join round and K.

When it's time to switch colors and your color A is still attached to the main hand part of the mitt, you can either cut the yarn to move it to the thumb, or knit from a new skein.

- » K 5(7) more rows in stripe pattern, then loosely BO all thumb stitches.

Hand

- » (Color B) Pick up 4(5) sts across thumb base, then K 14(17) sts from stitch holder, distributing sts over 2 DPNs.
- » With a third DPN, K 14(17) sts from stitch holder, join and K remainder of row.
- » K 13(15) rows in striped pattern, then loosely BO all hand stitches. Weave in all ends, block, and enjoy!



Men's mitts modeled by Joe Kruse and his handmade bass (mbjguitars.com)

MATERIALS

- » **2 skeins Debbie Bliss Cotton Cashmere** or similar sport-weight yarn, which we'll call A and B, shown here in colors 15001 (black) and 15022 (taupe).
- » **Set of 4 double-pointed needles** in US size 3 (3.00mm)
- » **Circular needle** US size 3 or smaller to use as a stitch holder
- » **Yarn needle**
- » **Scissors**

ABBREVIATIONS / SIZE & GAUGE

- CO** cast on
- K** knit
- m** make
- BO** bind off
- DPN** double-pointed needle

The pattern is shown in two sizes. Size small/medium fits a wrist with up to a 6.5" diameter at its narrowest point, and size medium/large fits wrists measuring 6.5" and up. For size medium/large, follow the stitch numbers in parentheses.

Gauge: 5.25 sts per inch

