

# MAGGIE'S RAGS™

## Easy 2-Way Mittens

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Basic mittens—easy enough for beginning knitters, quick enough to make a pair for every member of the family. Instructions are for both "Plain Vanilla" mittens knit from the cuff up and "Topsy Turvy" mittens knit from the tips down.



Abbreviations	
K	Knit
P	Purl
sts	Stitches
x	Times

<b>Yarn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worsted weight yarn (approx. 800 yards/lb or 12 wraps per inch). A double strand is used throughout.</li> <li>Short length of waste yarn.</li> </ul>
<b>Needles</b>	Set of #10 (6 mm) double pointed or size need to achieve gauge
<b>Other Tools</b>	Tapestry needle
<b>Gauge</b>	14 sts = 4" in stockinette st

YARN AMOUNTS	Child Small	Child Medium	Child Large/ Adult Small
<b>yards (meters)</b>	102 yds (93 m)	140 yds (128 m)	182 yds (166 m)
<b>oz (grams)</b>	2 oz (57 gr)	2.8 oz (80 gr)	3.6 oz (103 gr)

MEASUREMENTS	Child Small	Child Medium	Child Large/ Adult Small
<b>Hand Circumference</b>	5¾" (14.4 cm)	6 7/8" (17.2 cm)	8" (20 cm)
<b>Hand Length</b>	5" (12.5 cm)	5¾" (15.4 cm)	6½" (16.3 cm)
<b>Cuff Length</b>	2" (5 cm)	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)

<b>PLAIN VANILLA MITTENS</b> (Knit from the cuff up.)	<b>Child Small</b>	<b>Child Medium</b>	<b>Child Lg/Adult Sm</b>
<b>Cuff:</b> Using 2 strands of yarn and double pointed needles, loosely cast on ____ stitches.	16 sts	20 sts	24 sts
Divide stitches between 3 needles, join ends being careful not to twist knitting, and work circularly in K1 P1 ribbing for ____.	2" (5 cm)	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
Knit next round, increasing 4 stitches evenly spaced. Total stitches:	20 sts	24 sts	28 sts
<b>Hand:</b> Work even in knitting for ____.	1½" (3.8 cm)	2" (5 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
On next round, using a short length of waste yarn, knit ____ stitches. Slip these stitches back to left needle, and begin knitting again with working yarn.	4 sts	4 sts	5 sts
Work even in knitting for ____.	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
<b>Shape Fingertips:</b> Decrease 4 stitches evenly spaced around, every other round, ____ times	2x	3x	3x
Decrease 4 stitches evenly spaced around, every round, ____ times. Break off yarn and pull through remaining stitches.	2x	2x	3x
<b>Thumb:</b> Remove waste yarn to open thumb hole. Pick up ____ stitches across top of hole on a needle.	3 sts	3 sts	4 sts
Pick up ____ stitches across bottom of hole on a second needle. Divide these stitches between two needles.	4 sts	4 sts	5 sts
Using two strands of working yarn, knit one round, picking up one stitch at each edge of thumb hole. Note: If desired, a way to prevent holes at the base of the thumb is to pick up 2 or 3 stitches at each thumb hole edge, and then decrease on the next round to get rid of the extra stitches. Total stitches:	9 sts	9 sts	11 sts
Work circularly in knitting until thumb measures ____.	1½" (3.8 cm)	2" (5 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
Knit 2 together around. Break off yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Weave in ends. If there are holes around base of thumb, weave ends in to close up holes.			

<b>TOPSY TURVY MITTENS</b> (Knit from the fingertips down)	<b>Child Small</b>	<b>Child Medium</b>	<b>Child Lg/Adult Sm</b>
Using double pointed needles and 2 strands of working yarn, cast on 4 stitches. Divide sts between 3 needles and join ends, being careful not to twist stitches.			
<b>Shape Fingertip:</b> Working circularly in knitting, increase 4 stitches evenly spaced, every round, ____ times.	2x	2x	3x
Increase 4 stitches evenly spaced, every other round, ____ times.	2x	3x	3x
Total stitches:	20 sts	24 sts	28 sts
<b>Hand:</b> Work even in knitting for ____.	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
On next round, using a short length of waste yarn, knit ____ stitches. Slip these stitches back to left needle, and begin knitting again with working yarn.	4 sts	4 sts	5 sts
Work even in knitting for ____.	1½" (3.8 cm)	2" (5 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
Knit next round, decreasing 4 stitches evenly spaced. Total stitches:	16 sts	20 sts	24 sts
<b>Cuff:</b> Work even in K1 P1 ribbing for _____. Bind off loosely in ribbing.	2" (5 cm)	2¼" (5.6 cm)	2½" (6.3 cm)
<b>Thumb:</b> Work as for Plain Vanilla Mitten, except that the top and bottom needle will be reversed when picking up stitches around the thumb hole. Weave in ends. If there are holes around base of thumb, weave ends in to close up holes.			