

Smockies

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You'll need

- 1 skein alpaca by Drops
- 4 dpns 2,5 mm
- pearls (or yarn in another color)
- 2 markers

PS: Mittens are knitted from the wrong side.

Cast on 60 sts, knit cuff; k1p1 apporx 4 cm

Now knit one round while you do the following:
Place marker (PM) (this marks the beginning of each round), k25, PM, k the rest of the stitches while you add 5 stitches evenly. The total amount of sts are now 65.

Now knit all rounds like this: k2, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1.....
Round ends with k2.

Knit for 6-7 cm

Thumb: K1, knit the next 9 st with another piece of yarn. Put the sts back to the left needle. Now continue knitting rounds (the thread will later be removed to pick up sts for the thumb). Coninue knitting for about 6 cm.

Cuff: Knit 25 sts (k1p1), over the next sts knit k1p2 but at the same time decrease number of sts with 5, so you are left with 60 sts in total. Knit for about 1 cm. Cast off.

Thumb: Place the 9 sts on one needle. Pick up 9 sts above these sts, and then 1 stitch in each side; Total of 20 sts. Knit in the same pattern as the mitten for approx 3 cm. Finish with a couple of rounds with k1p1, cast off.

Turn mitten inside out. Pull two and two vertical rows together and sew together with a pearl, or with yarn in a different color. The space between these rows is all up to you!

This stitch pattern is called smock, and so Smockies turned out to be the perfect name for the mittens ☺

Happy Knitting ☺

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