Green Apple or Blueberry Mitts

I was playing with this pattern for a sweater idea and found it too addicting not to keep knitting the swatch. So they turned into mitts. Two kinds.

The Blueberry have a small cable all the way up. The Green Apple have the smaller cable on the wrist, and a more open version going up through the hand.

They are really basic, but interesting enough to keep you from being bored – and they knit up in a flash, so you can start a holiday gift or two now!

Yarn - Arcaunia Nature Wool, Rowan DK Tweed

Needles - #5s – either DPNS or Magic Loop works

Notions - markers, darning needle and cable needle

Size - Avg womans hand (8" from CO to BO edge)

Gauge - 6st and 7rows/ inch in flat stockinette.

Directions:

Cast on 48 stitches.

You'll work in the round and mark the beginning of your row. It works out well if the needle breaks fall between the two purl stitches, leaving the cables intact on a single needle.

<u>Cuff</u>

Begin (K6, P2) ribbing. Work in ribbing all the way around for 10 rows.

Next row, begin cables. (For the Blueberry version, you'll use this cable for the entire mitt.)

Row 1 - *(Slip 2 to CN and hold in back. Knit 1. Knit 2 from CN. Slip next st to CN and hold in front. Knit 2. Knit 1 from CN. P2.) Repeat from * for entire row.

Row 2 - *(K6, P2) Repeat from * for entire row.

Rows 3 and 4 - *(K2. With yarn in back slip 2. K2, P2) Repeat from * for entire row.

Repeat 4 times for cuff. (5 if you'd like it a little longer down your wrist) Work Row 1 again.

Next row, end the cuff. Keep 2 cables going up the top of the hand. So, the 18 top stitches (P2, 6 for cable, P2, 6 for cable, P2) will continue to be knit in cable pattern, while the rest of the mitt will become knit stitches.

Setup Row – This is really Row 2 of your cable. Work it as indicated below. You'll place markers around the 2 remaining cables and decrease 2 stitches (one on each side of the cables) as follows:

K6, P2, K4, ssk, PM, P2, K6, P2, K6, P2, PM, K2tog, K4, P2, K6, P2

Hand

You are now on Row 3 (46 sts). Either continue to use the cables you have been for the Blueberries or switch to the ones below for the more open Green Apples. All other instructions remain the same for both versions.

Green Apple Cables

Row 1 – Knit all stitches to marker. SM. P2 (Slip 2 to CN and hold in back. Knit 1. Knit 2 from CN. Slip next st to CN and hold in front. Knit 2. Knit 1 from CN) P2. Repeat Cable. P2. SM. Knit remaining stitches.

Rows 2 and 3 - Knit all stitches to first marker. SM. (P2, K6, P2, K6, P2) SM. Knit remaining stitches.

Rows 4, 5, and 6 – Knit all stitches to first marker. SM (P2, K2, Slip 2, K2, P2, K2, Slip 2, K2, P2) SM. Knit remaining stitches.

Thumbs

When you are about 1.5" from the wrist, you'll begin the thumbs . They will be 4 stitches over from the cables. I place a whole new pair of markers here.

Left Mitt: Knit until you are 5 stitches before your first marker. PM, K1, PM, K4. Continue in pattern

Right Mitt: Knit until you are 4 stitches after the second marker. PM, K1, PM. Continue in pattern.

Next row, increase between the markers as follows:

Slip marker, M1R. Knit to next marker, M1L, slip marker

As you work up the hands, repeat increase every 4th row until you have 11 stitches between the markers.

When you have 11 stitches between the markers, take thumb markers out and place stitches on scrap yarn. Cast on 3 new stitches above the thumbhole, which will be knit along with the rest of the hand as you continue.

Continue to work up the body of the hand in pattern until you are 8.5" from the cast on edge. This puts my mitt just at my pinky knuckle. There is an additional inch coming, so check that you like this length and adjust accordingly.

End cable pattern after Row 6.

Work 6 more rows as follows: Knit to first marker. P2, K6, P2, K6, P2. Knit remaining stitches.

You now have a nice top ribbing above the cables and a smooth mitt otherwise. Bind off in pattern.

Finishing Thumbs

Pick up thumb stitches on 3 DPNs. Careful not to leave gaps between the stitches, work all 14 stitches together. Knit up 6 rows and BO. This is the length I like on my thumb, just above the knuckle. Check it out on yours.

Weave in all ends and enjoy… Thanks for making my pattern! If you see any mistakes or problems, please tell Just send me a comment on my blog http://www.babycocktails.blogspot.com or use the email above. Pattern and images: Copyright 2009 Thea Colman. For personal use only.