

April May



April May Materials List

1, 100 gram skein sportweight cotton yarn

Size 3 US double pointed needles (or size required to achieve gauge)

Row counter

Stitch marker

Scrap yarn in a contrasting color (you just need a tiny bit, about a foot long)

Yarn needle

April May Step by Step

Size: One (The main stitch pattern is a multiple of 6 stitches, which increases to 7 for the body of the hand, so if you need to adjust the size you can simply add or subtract a repeat of the pattern)

Finished Measurements: 8 ¼" long, 6 ¼" around the palm of the hand unstretched - the ribbed lace pattern has a lot of give and will stretch easily

Gauge: 6 ½ sts = 1"; 8 rows = 1"

Abbreviations found at end of pattern.

CO 42 sts loosely on size 3 US DPNs. Place 18 sts on the first needle and 12 sts on each of the second and third. Join round and knit the following, placing a stitch marker between the first and second stitch on the first needle to mark the beginning of the round:

Rounds 1-6. *K2, P1* x 14

After the beginning ribbing, you'll work the main pattern until wristwarmer measures 4", ending after round 4:

1. *K2, P1* x 14
2. *K2, P1, YO, SSK, P1* x 7
3. *K2, P1* x 14
4. *K2, P1, K2TOG, YO, P1* x 7

When you've reached 4", you'll increase for the width of the hand. Reset your row counter and knit the following 4 rounds:

1. *K1, M1, K1, P1, K2, P1* x 7 (49 sts)
2. *K3, P1, YO, SSK, P1* x 7



3. *K3, P1, K2, P1* x 7
4. *K3, P1, K2TOG, YO, P1* x 7

Reset row counter and knit the following new pattern, ending after round 4, until wristwarmer measures 6”:

1. *K3, P1, K2, P1* x 7
2. *K3, P1, YO, SSK, P1* x 7
3. *K3, P1, K2, P1* x 7
4. *K3, P1, K2TOG, YO, P1* x 7

At this point, you’ll be leaving a gap in the wristwarmer to add the thumb later. To do this, knit the first stitch of round 1. Then, knit the next 6 stitches in pattern with your contrasting scrap yarn. Drop contrasting scrap yarn so that both ends of it are hanging to the *outside* of the wristwarmer (this makes it easier to remove the yarn later). Slide these 6 stitches off of the right needle back onto the left. Pick up your working yarn, and continue knitting wristwarmer in the main pattern. This means you’ll knit the six stitches knit with the scrap yarn on your left needle again. Just keep knitting in the main pattern like nothing ever happened until the wristwarmer reaches 8 ½”, ending after round 4.

Knit the following round twice:

K3, P1, K2, P1 x 7

Bind off loosely in pattern. Break yarn.

To add the thumb, take two DPNs (one for the upper set of stitches and one for the lower) and carefully remove the scrap yarn, sliding a needle through the yarn loops as the scrap yarn gets removed from them. You should have 6 sts on each of the two needles, for a total of 12.

Starting with the lower set of stitches, knit the first 6 in the *K2, P1* pattern, carefully correcting any twisted stitches as you come to them. When you’ve knit the last of the lower stitches, take a new needle and pick up 3 stitches in the ‘corner’ between the lower and upper set of stitches. Knit these 3 stitches in the *K2, P1* pattern, knitting the knit stitches through the back loops to tighten them up.

With the same needle, knit the first 3 sts from the upper set, again in the *K2, P1* pattern. Take a new needle, knit the next 3 sts in *K2, P1* pattern, and then pick up and knit in pattern 3 stitches from the opposite 'corner,' like you did with the first. This should bring you back to the beginning of the round.

At this point you should have 6 stitches on each of 3 needles, for a total of 18 stitches. Knit the following 6 rounds:

1. *K2, P1* x 6
2. *K2, P1, YO, SSK, P1* x 3
3. *K2, P1* x 6
4. *K2, P1, K2TOG, YO, P1*
5. *K2, P1* x 6
6. *K2, P1* x 6

Bind off loosely in pattern. Weave in ends. Make second wristwarmer.

Abbreviations

CO = Cast on

DPNs = Double pointed needles

K = Knit

K2TOG = Knit two stitches together

M1 = Make one stitch

P = Purl

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch knitwise, and then knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loops

sts = Stitches

YO = Yarn over

... x 7 = Repeat the instructions inside the stars seven times, or by however many times the pattern says



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