

## SUNRISE SUNSET MITTENS

These delightful mittens are knit with two strands of yarn held together -- a sock yarn and an alpaca yarn. The result? A double dose of fuzz and whimsy. The fuzz comes from the alpaca, the whimsy from the unpredictable speckle thingies that emerge when you knit with two strands of different-coloured yarn.



### size

Medium woman's hand.  
For other sizes, try casting on a different number of stitches (in a multiple of 4, because of the 2x2 ribbing).

### gauge

24 stitches over 4 inches in stockinette stitch

### notions

scrap yarn  
darning needle  
markers

### suggested needle sizes

US 5 / 3.75 mm DPNs or circular needle.  
US 6 / 4 mm DPNs or circular needle.

### suggested yarns

**A:** one ball Sandnes Garn Mini Alpakka  
(solid-coloured fingering-weight alpaca)

**A1:** one ball Sandnes Garn Sisu  
(solid-coloured fingering-weight yarn)  
\*\* close in colour to COLOUR A

**B:** one ball Estelle Sockittome Impulse  
(colour-change fingering-weight yarn)

## INSTRUCTIONS

On smaller needles, with **A** and **A1** held together, cast on 36 stitches (I used the Twisted German cast on). Join in round, careful not to twist.

Knit in 2x2 (knit 2, purl 2) rib for 10 rounds.

Switch to bigger needles. Knit in stockinette stitch for 15 rounds.

Cut **A1**, leaving an 8" tail. Hold together **A** and **B** and continue in stockinette stitch for 15 rounds.

### Begin thumb gusset

1. Knit 18 stitches, place marker, m1, k1, m1, place marker, knit to end.
2. Knit 3 rounds even, slipping the markers when you get to them.
3. Knit to first marker, m1, knit to next marker, m1, knit to end.
4. Knit 2 rounds even.

Repeat #3 and #4 until there are 15 stitches between the markers.

### End thumb gusset

Knit to first marker. Remove marker, place 15 thumb stitches onto scrap yarn, remove other marker. Cast on 1 stitch (using backwards loop method) and knit to end of round.

Knit 5 rows even.

Cut **B**, leaving an 8" tail.

Hold together **A** and **A1** and continue in stockinette stitch for 24 rounds, or until mitten measures approximately 3/4" less than the length of your hand.

### Shape top

k2, k2tog to end of round.

Knit 3 rounds even.

k, k2tog to end of round.

Knit 1 round even.

k2tog to end of round (\*\* I like to use the smallest needles I can find to make the hole as small as possible).

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Weave tail through stitches on needle and draw the hole closed.

### Knit the thumb

Slip 15 thumb stitches back onto bigger needles. Holding together **A** and **A1**, pick up and knit 3 stitches around thumb hole.

Knit 16 rounds even, or until thumb measures 1/2" inch less than length of thumb.

### Begin thumb decreases

k1, k2tog to end.

Knit 1 round even.

k2tog to end (\*\* again, with smallest needles)

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Weave tail through stitches on needle and draw the hole closed.

### FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block as desired.



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