



# Sand And Sky Creations



Handspan  
Top Down  
Knitters

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**“These mittens were knit using Handspun Top Down Mittens pattern By Simone Van Iderstine of <http://sandandskycreations.com>”**

Please be respectful of my wishes :-)

**Yarn:** ~400 yards of your favorite fingering weight yarn

**Fiber:** 4oz of your favorite combed top spun up as a 2 or 3 ply fingering weight  
(14 wpi) yarn.

Pictured in Gotland Sheepswool in “Robin Red Breast” colorway by Spunky Eclectic.

**My Fiber Prep:** Split top in half, lengthwise and spin each half from tip to tail onto a separate bobbin. Navajo ply each bobbin.

**Needles:** 3.0mm (US 2.5) long circular needle for working in magic loop, or a set of 5 double pointed needles in 3.0mm (US 2.5)

**Or size necessary to obtain gauge.**

**Gauge:** 26 sts x 32 rows = 4” in stockinette stitch.

**Finished size:** 7.5” in circumference and 10.5” in length. The length is customizable but for longer mittens, extra yardage will be needed.

**Notions:** 3 mm crochet hook for crochet cast on, scrap yarn, and a tapestry needle for sewing in ends.

**Pattern Notes:** This pattern is written for the magic loop method of knitting but could easily be adapted to a set of 5 double pointed needles.

**Crochet chain cast on** - Using a crochet hook, chain two to four stitches more than you will need. With your knitting needle, pick up the desired number of stitches in the bumps along the back side of the crochet chain. The crochet chain can later be unzipped and live sts picked up for knitting.

## **Fingers**

CO 12 sts each needle, using Judy's Magic Cast On. (24 sts total)

Knit 1 round even.

Inc rnd: \* K1, M1L, knit to last st, M1R, K1 \*Repeat for the second needle.

Repeat last two rounds 5 times more for a total of 48 sts.

Knit even for 5.5" or the length of your hand from the tips of your fingers down to the webbing between your thumb and index finger.

## **Thumb Gusset**

Using scrap yarn, chain 18 sts or 20 sts.

Knit across first needle (24 sts) and pick up 16 sts along back of crochet chain, knit to end of the round. (64 sts)

Divide sts so there are an even number across your needles.

Knit 3 rounds even

Dec rnd: Knit to last 3 sts of needle 1, SSK, K2, K2tog, knit to end of round. 2 sts decreased (62 sts)

Knit 1 round even.

Repeat the last two rounds 7 times more, 48 sts remaining.

Knit even for 5 rounds or until the mitten reaches your wrist when tried on.

K2, P1 ribbing for 2" or desired length of cuff.

## **Thumb**

Pickup and knit 1 st on the inside of the thumb. Pickup and knit 16 sts from waste yarn, Pick up and knit 1 more st on the inside of the thumb. (18 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Next round: K1 st, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts of rnd, SSK, k1 (16 sts)

Knit even for 2 more inches (or the length of your thumb).

K2tog around (8 sts)

Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Tighten and sew in ends.

Repeat for second mitten.



**If you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you!**

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