

## FUZZY MITTEN'S



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# HOLIDAY MOUSE

## Materials

15 g worsted weight yarn in main colour (MC), 10 g of worsted weight yarn in contrasting colour (CC), small amount of pink worsted weight yarn, stuffing, pair of 8 mm safety eyes or buttons (or black yarn), 4 mm (US size 6) set of dpns or pair of needles, tapestry needle

## Gauge

22 sts and 32 rows per 10cm (4") in st st

## Size

8 cm tall (3")

The materials list says to use worsted weight yarn because that's what I usually use. The larger mice are made with worsted weight yarn, but the little one is made with sport weight yarn on 3 mm needles (he's only 2" tall), so you can really use whatever you have. The hood is knit flat with a seam up the back, and the beret is knit in the round, so you can make whichever you are comfortable with. Little details like bells, pom-poms, and ribbon bows are optional, but very cute!

You can knit the mice flat on straight needles, or in the round on dpns (the brown ones are knit flat, the grey one in the round, so you can see there is little difference). The instructions are written for knitting flat. To knit the toy in the round, knit all odd rows, rather than purling them (except for bobbles). Please note that you may need to shuffle sts between needles occasionally, in order to work the increases and decreases. Remember to attach safety eyes and stuff head before working Row 16.

## Make Bobble (MB)

Pattern to follow for cute bobble feet.

**Row 1:** increase 5 sts into next st (knit into front,

then back, front, back, front of st). (5 sts)

**Row 2:** p5, turn.

**Row 3:** k5, turn.

**Row 4:** p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn. (3 sts)

**Row 5:** s1, k2tog, pss0. (1 st)

Then continue with pattern...

## Body

Start at bottom. Cast on 7 sts with MC.

**Row 1:** P 1 row.

**Row 2:** k1, [m1, k1] x 6. (13 sts)

**Row 3:** P 1 row.

**Row 4:** k3, [m1, k1] x 7, m1, k3. (21 sts)

**Row 5:** P 1 row.

**Row 6:** k7, MB, k5, MB, k7.

**Row 7-9:** work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 10:** k6, k2tog, k5, skpo, k6. (19 sts)

**Row 11-13:** work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 14:** k6, MB, skpo, k1, k2tog, MB, k6. (17 sts)

**Row 15-17:** work 3 rows in st st.

**Row 18:** k2, [skpo] x 3, k1, [k2tog] x 3, k2. (11 sts)

Bind off. Cut yarn. Sew up back seam, leaving bound-off edge open. Stuff body.

## Head

Start at back. Cast on 6 sts with MC.

**Row 1:** P 1 row.

**Row 2:** k1, [m1, k1] x 5. (11 sts)

**Row 3:** P 1 row.

**Row 4:** k2, [m1, k1] x 3, k1, [k1, m1] x 3, k2. (17 sts)

**Row 5-9:** work 5 rows in st st.

**Row 10:** k2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k3, skpo, k1, k2tog, k2. (13 sts)

**Row 11:** P 1 row.

**Row 12:** k3, k2tog, k3, skpo, k3. (11 sts)

**Row 13:** P 1 row.

**Row 14:** k2, k2tog, k3, skpo, k2. (9 sts)

**Row 15:** P 1 row.

**Row 16:** [k2tog] x 2, k1, [skpo] x 2. (5 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end through remaining sts, and pull tight to gather. Attach safety eyes. Sew seam, leaving an opening. Stuff head, adding extra stuffing to cheeks. Sew closed.

## Hood

Start at front. Cast on 22 sts with CC yarn and straight needles.

**Row 1:** K 1 row.

**Row 2:** skpo, k18, k2tog. (20 sts)

**Row 3:** k2, p16, k2.

**Row 4:** skpo, k16, k2tog. (18 sts)

**Row 5:** k2, p14, k2.

**Row 6:** K 1 row.

**Row 7:** k2, p14, k2.

**Row 8:** k8, m1, k2, m1, k8. (20 sts)

**Row 9:** k2, p16, k2.

**Row 10:** k9, m1, k2, m1, k9. (22 sts)

Fold hood in half and graft together back from neck to point. Or, work one more WS row, then bind off, and sew back seam of hood. Add a couple lengths of yarn to front corners for ties. If you like, add a pom-pom, tassel, or bell to the hood point.

## Beret

Cast on 18 sts with CC yarn and dpns. Join in the round.

**Row 1-2:** [k1, p1] x 9.

**Row 3:** [k2, m1] x 9. (27 sts)

**Row 4-8:** work 5 rows in st st.

**Row 9:** [k1, k2tog] x 9. (18 sts)

**Row 10:** K 1 row.

**Row 11:** [k2tog] x 9. (9 sts)

**Row 12:** K 1 row.

**Row 13:** [k1, k2tog] x 3. (6 sts)

Cut yarn, thread end through remaining sts, and pull tight to gather. Secure yarn ends.

## Ears (make 2)

Ears must be knit flat. Cast on 3 sts with pink yarn.

**Row 1:** P 1 row.

**Row 2:** [k1, m1] x 2, k1. (5 sts)

**Row 3:** P 1 row.

**Row 4:** k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. (7 sts)

**Row 5:** P 1 row.

**Row 6:** k1, [k2tog] x 3. (4 sts)

Bind off.

## Finishing

If you're not using safety eyes, sew on button eyes, or embroider them with black yarn. Embroider a nose with pink yarn. Sew bound-off edge of ears to head or hat. Sew head to bound-off edge of body. Sew hat onto back of head (add a bit of stuffing to the hat if you like). For the tail, make a braid or a length of I-cord from pink yarn. If you're hanging the mouse on a tree, add a loop of yarn to the top of the head. If the mouse will be a toy, you may want to sew down the sides of the bobble feet.

## Abbreviations

**K** or **k** = knit

**k2tog** = knit 2 together

**m1** = make one by picking up loop between stitch just worked and next stitch, and knit into the back of this loop

**P** or **p** = purl

**p2tog** = purl 2 together

**skpo** = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

**st** or **sts** = stitch or stitches

**st st** = stocking stitch

**[...] x N** = repeat the sequence in brackets N times  
("to end" means repeat until the end of the row)