

TUSCAN GARDEN GLOVES

"TUGGS"



I love fingerless mitts! My hands are always cold--in the summer air conditioning, and the winter chill. When I was a young girl, my Mother had a print hanging in the living room of a lovely dark-haired woman tending her garden, her flowered print dress blowing in the breeze, and her white lace fingerless gloves clutching a bouquet of pink flowers. It was titled Tuscan Garden. I fell in love with those little fingerless mitts--hence the name TUscan Gardan Gloves, or TUGGS. I've made at least a dozen pairs of TUGGS from this pattern. I hope you enjoy it.

Easily finished in one evening.

SIZE:

Women's medium or large ()

MATERIALS:

Lion Brand Imagine, 1 skein

2.5 oz, 222 yds

US #6 double pointed needles

GAUGE:

4.5 sts per inch
6.5 rows per inch

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 40 (42) stitches and distribute evenly on four needles (for the large glove, distribute stitches 10 on needle #1, 11 on #2, 10 on #3, and 11 on #4) Join stitches, being careful not to twist stitches before joining.

NOTE: My favorite way to join stitches for knitting in the round, is to cast on one extra stitch and leave it on needle #4. As you join the stitches on #4 and #1, move one stitch from the right needle (#1) to the left needle (#4). Knit the two end stitches on the left needle together and transfer it back to the right needle. As you begin knitting with needle #5, you will start with what was the second stitch on the needle (the first stitch is now on the right needle). Check to make certain you have the right number of stitches on each needle.

Knit a 1 X 1 (knit 1, purl 1) ribbing for 12 rows. You may use 2 X 2 ribbing if you choose. Place marker at beginning.

On the 13th row, increase one stitch at the beginning of each needle, using your favorite method of increase. You now have 44 (46) stitches.

Knit plain for 22 rows.

At the end of the fourth needle bind off six stitches.

At the beginning of the next row on the first needle, bind off six stitches. Continue to knit around. You now have 32 (34) stitches. Join on the next round at the thumb bind off, by knitting two stitches together. This will give the stitches between the thumb and hand more stability.

Knit six rows plain

Knit eight rows in 1 X 1 ribbing. (knit 1, purl 1) and bind off loosely, and weave in ends.

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