

Nic's Slapshot Armwarmers

(or: He Shoots, He Scores Fingerless Gloves!)

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SIZE

Man's medium, with a lot of stretch.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 9 inches

Circumference: 7 1/2 inches

Note: these are meant to be worn over thick gloves. For a custom fit, measure recipient's palm over top gloves that he or she intends to wear while shooting & scoring.

MATERIALS

Patons Classic Merino [100% wool; 223 yd/205 m per 100g skein]; color: jungle; 1 skein

1 set of 4 or 5 US #6/4.25 mm double-point needles

1 4.0 I crochet hook

GAUGE

14 sts/13 rows = 2" in relaxed rib stitch

PATTERN NOTES:

To get a smooth, strong join when the round is re-established after the thumb slit, knit first and last stitches out of order (i.e. on the last stitch of the back-and-forth row, slip this stitch over the next to re-join the round and knit the first stitch as the last stitch on that needle.)

PATTERN

Left hand

Arm

Using a loose, stretchy cast on, CO 56 stitches. (I used Cable CO and 5.5 mm needles.)

Distribute stitches among 3 needles so that needles #1 & 2 have 18 st each, and needle #3 has 20 st. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker to indicate beginning of round. Work in 2x2 rib in the round for 4 inches.

Palm

Palm is worked back and forth for thumb slit. Because 2/3 of the stitches are worked in rib and 1/3 are worked in slip-stitch, there will be a row-gauge difference almost immediately. Pay it no mind and make sure you measure the palm edge when determining when to start knitting in the round again.

Turn work and continue:

Row 1:

Needle #3: P to end of needle (20 st)
Needles #2 & 1: Continue in rib pattern as established. Turn work.

Row 2:

Needles # 1 & 2: Continue in rib pattern as established.
Needle #3: [Sl1, k1] to end of needle (20 st) Turn work.

Repeat these rows for 2 inches, ending on Row 2. On the next round, re-join the round and continue in the following manner:

Round 1:

Needles # 1 & 2: Continue in rib pattern as established.
Needle #3: K to end of needle (20 st)

Round 2:

Needles #1 & 2: Continue in rib pattern as established.
Needle #3: [Sl1, k1] to end of needle (20 st)

Continue these rounds for 1-2 inches, or until palm measures one inch shorter than you require for a finished Armwarmer.



Work all stitches in 2 x 2 rib for one inch. Bind off – it should be flexible but it doesn't need to be super-stretchy as the top should hug the fingers. (Aw!) Proceed to finishing.

Right hand

Arm

Using a loose, stretchy cast on, CO 56 stitches. Distribute stitches among 3 needles so that needle #1 has 20 st, and needles #2 & 3 have 18 st each. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. Place marker to indicate beginning of round. Work in 2x2 rib in the round for 4 inches.

Palm

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Turn work and continue:

Row 1:

Needles #3 & 2: Continue in rib pattern as established.

Needle #1: P to end of needle. Turn work.

Row 2:

Needle #1: [Sl1, k1] to end of needle.

Needles # 2 & 3: Continue in rib pattern as established. Turn work.

Repeat these rows for 2 inches, ending on Row 2. On the next round, re-join the round and continue in the following manner:

Round 1:

Needle #1: K to end of needle

Needles # 2 & 3: Continue in rib pattern as established.

Round 2:

Needle #1: [Sl1, k1] to end of needle

Needles #2 & 3: Continue in rib pattern as established.

Continue these rounds for 1-2 inches, or until palm measures one inch shorter than you require for a finished Armwarmer.

Work all stitches in 2 x 2 rib for one inch. Bind off – it should be flexible but it doesn't need to be super-stretchy as the top should hug the fingers. (Aw!) Proceed to finishing.

FINISHING

Work a round of single crochet around each thumb opening to stabilize it, slip stitch in first st to join round. Fasten off. Weave in ends and give to your favourite road hockey player.