Adorable kids fingerless gloves

Sizing:

3 - 5 year old (11cm tall x 7cm across fingers (not including thumb))

6 - 8 year old (15.5cm tall x 8cm across fingers (not including thumb))

Materials:

2.25mm double-pointed needles or 2.75mm double-pointed needles depending on the size you are knitting.

50g skein Knitsch sock yarn (Cinque Terre colourway) (approx 25g makes one pair)

Stitch markers

Definitions:

K = knit
P = purl
St st = stocking stitch
PM = place stitch marker
SM = slip marker
M1 = make one stitch. (Knit into the front and back of the same stitch before you take it off the left hand needle. Alternatively, use the increase method you prefer).

Gauge/Tension:

Approx 8 stitches to 1 inch (2.5cm) on 2.25mm needles/7 stitches to 1 inch (2.5cm) on 2.75mm needles

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Instructions:

For a 3 - 5 yr old, use 2.25mm needles. For a 6 - 8 yr old, use 2.75mm needles and follow directions in parenthesis. If there are no brackets, then instructions apply to both sizes.

For the right hand:

1. Cast on 45 stitches.
2. Work in the round, K1, P1 rib for 5 cm (7cm).
3. Knit 3 rows in st st.
4. In the 4th st row, create thumb gusset: K9, place marker (PM), M1, K1, M1, PM. Knit to end.
5. 5th row, K9, SM, M1, K3, M1, SM, K to end.
6. 6th row, K all stitches, slipping markers as you get to them.
7. 7th row, K9, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end.
8. 8th row, K9, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end.
9. 9th row, *K all stitches.
10. 10th row, K9, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end*.
11. 11th row and subsequent rows, work * to * until there are 17 stitches between markers.
12. K one row even, slipping markers as you get to them.
13. K to markers, slip the 17 stitches between markers on to waste yarn and secure. Remove markers. Knit remaining stitches in the round for the hand until glove measures 10cm (13cm) from cast on edge.
14. K1, P1 rib for another 5 rows. Cast off loosely.
15. Return thumb stitches on waste yarn to the needles. Work 3 rows of K1, P1 rib in the round, then cast off loosely.

For the left hand:

1. Cast on 45 stitches.
2. Work in the round, K1, P1 rib for 5 cm (7cm).
3. Knit 3 rows in st st.
4. In the 4th st row, create thumb gusset: K until 12 stitches remain before the end of the row, then place marker (PM). M1, K1, M1, PM. There should be 9 stitches remaining before the end of the row. Knit to end.
5. 5th row, K to first marker, SM, M1, K3, M1 in the last stitch before the marker, SM, K to end.
6. 6th row, K all stitches, slipping markers as you get to them.
7. 7th row, K to first marker, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end.
8. 8th row, K to first marker, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end.
9. 9th row, *K all stitches, slipping markers as you get to them.
10. 10th row, K to marker, SM, M1, K to the last stitch before the end marker, M1, SM, K to end*.
11. 11th row and subsequent rows, work * to * until there are 17 stitches between markers.
12. K one row even.
13. K to markers, slip the 17 stitches between markers on to waste yarn and secure. Remove markers. Knit remaining stitches in the round until glove measures 10cm (13cm) from cast on edge.
14. K1, P1 rib for another 5 rows. Cast off loosely.
15. Return thumb stitches on waste yarn to the needles. Work 3 rows of K1, P1 rib in the round, then cast off loosely.

Finishing: Weave in ends, closing any gap between the thumb and the body of the glove.

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