

My Favorite Handwarmers

FlexPattern #0816 by Kim Clair Smith



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These wristers feature an easy rib pattern that looks more complicated than it really is. It's fun, easy, and it makes a very warm fabric to keep your hands nice and toasty. Knitted in the round with worsted or dk weight yarn, they work up quickly enough to be almost-last-minute gifts.



Note: Model's hand in this photo is $7\frac{1}{2}$ " around palm.

This pair made in 'Harmony' by Chameleon Colorworks (50% alpaca, 30% merino, 20% silk), colorway: Bahamas. (224 yd/204 m, 3.5 oz/100g)

PATTERN SPECIFICATIONS

Sizes: One size that fits most women's hands. The elasticity of the rib pattern allows a good fit for sizes from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 9" (16 to 23 cm). Measurements are for circumference around palm (excluding thumb).

Gauge: 35 sts per 4" (10 cm) in pattern stitch. As always, do a swatch to ensure success!

Yarn: 175 yds of worsted or dk weight yarn. (Note that the ribbed pattern stitch contracts and you get a tighter gauge than you would if you knitted worsted weight yarn in stockinette stitch.)

Needles: Set of 5 size 5 US (3.75 mm) double points (or size YOU need to get gauge). (You could use a long circular needle instead of the double points if you know how to use the magic loop method.) *Optional:* double point needles 2 sizes smaller than your main needles to use for the last few rounds if you want to make the top of the hand a bit tighter.

Notions: 2 stitch markers, scissors, tapestry needle, 8" piece of contrast color waste yarn to hold gusset sts. And don't forget to grab a nice cup of tea or coffee for a cozy knitting session!