

# All-Thumbs Toddler Mittens

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Let's face it. Toddlers can be all thumbs. They want to be able to **do it myself!** Save yourself (and your toddler) a heap of frustration by making their mittens *without* the thumbs, so they can learn to get them on solo!

Toddler Mittens are a good chance to practice Magic Loop Technique or working with stripes, if you haven't tried them yet!



## Recommended materials:

- Worsted weight wool in colors that make you (or your toddler) happy. You don't need much!
- US 5 circs (with a flexible cable). OR size needed to obtain gauge.
- A set of dpns. You need them for 3 inches of I-cord at the end, so just use whatever size you have.

**Gauge:** Gauge is important! 6 stitches = 1 inch

## Abbreviations:

- JMCO: Judy's Magic Cast-On. It really is magic. You can see it here: <http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html> You can also see tons of videos for it at YouTube. You do NOT need two different circular needles, *if* you have one nice, long, flexible cable.
- K2tog: knit 2 together
- M1L: Make one Left: Using left needle, lift loop below right needle from the previous row (dig back to front), and slip it onto left needle. Knit the front of this loop. (If you dig front to back and try to knit, the stitch will pull out; (Google lifted increases if you need help!))
- M1R: Make 1 Right: Using right needle, lift loop below left needle from the previous row and slip it onto left needle. Knit this loop. (I repeat: Google lifted increases if you need help!))
- MC: Main Color
- CC: Contrasting Color

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	JMCO 20 stitches (10 each needle) in MC.
Round 1	Knit
Round 2	K1, m1R, k to last st, m1L, k1
Rounds 3-10	Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have a total of 40 stitches
Round 11-12	Switch to CC, knit 2 rounds
Round 13-14	Switch to MC, knit 2 rounds
Round 15-36	Repeat stripes until you finish the 6 <sup>th</sup> strip with the contrasting color (22 rounds, in case you are leaving it plain or making different stripes). Break the CC yarn.
Round 37	MC: Knit one round
Round 38 <b>Chunky Wrists:</b>	Decrease round: (k3, k2tog) repeat to end of round. 32 st.
<b>Skinny Wrists:</b>	Decrease round: (k2, k2tog) repeat to end of round. 30 st.
Rounds 39-48	Knit 10 rounds in (k1, p1) ribbing.
Finish	BO <b>all but last 3 stitches</b> , using a stretchy Bind Off. I-cord last 3 stitches until reaches 1.5 to 3 inches. Break yarn and draw through 3 loops. Sew this down to form a small loop. Weave in any loose ends.

Repeat for second mitten.

## Notes:

- You can use the loop for hanging mittens to dry, attaching to buttons, hooking onto coat sleeve Velcro, or for tying on a mitten cord.
- When your child is older, you can fill them with rice and sew them shut for pocket warmers.
- For bigger mitts, go up a needle size or too.