Fuzzy Mitten's

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This sweet and lovable little lamb is the perfect size for a toddler or young child. Of course, softies are good for kids of any age! If you make the toy from acrylic or superwash wool, you can even throw it in the washing machine (on delicate, since softies are sensitive). This pattern is quite flexible, so if the yarn you want to use is a bit heavier and needs larger needles, you will simply get a larger toy. I used Red Heart Symphony yarn for the main colour, and Bernat Satin yarn for the contrasting colour. Happy knitting!

Materials
Lamb: 50g (1.75 oz) of fuzzy or bouclé yarn in DK, aran, or worsted weight (MC); 25 g (1 oz) of contrasting yarn in the same weight (CC), small amount of yarn for embroidery; 2 small black buttons, beads, or safety eyes; stuffing
Pair of 4 mm (US size 6) knitting needles
Tapestry needle
Optional: One 1/2 inch bell, 10 inches of narrow ribbon

Measurements
Approximately 7 ½ inches tall

Gauge/Tension
22 stitches and 32 rows to 4 inches square over stocking stitch

Legs (make 2)
Begin with contrasting colour (CC)
Cast on 10 sts. P 1 row.
Next row: k1, [m1, k1] to end. P 1 row.
Next row: k2, m1, k7, m1, k1, m1, k7, m1, k2. (23 sts) P 1 row.
Break off CC, begin next row with main colour (MC)
Work 2 rows in st st.
Next row: k7, [skpo] twice, [k2 tog] twice, k8.
Next row: p6, [p2 tog] twice, [p2 tog tbl] twice, p5.
Next row: k6, k2 tog, k7. (14 sts)
Work 3 rows in st st.
Next row: k1, m1, k12, m1, k1. (16 sts)
Work 9 rows in st st.
Next row: k1, [k2 tog] 7 times, k1. P 1 row.

Next row: k1, [k2 tog] 4 times.
Break off yarn. Thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Join sole and back leg seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

Body
Knit body with MC.
Begin at neck edge.
Cast on 15 stitches. P 1 row.
Next row: k1 [m1,k1] to end. (29 sts)
Work 5 rows in st st.
Next row: [k7, m1] twice, k1, [m1, k7] twice.
Work 5 rows in st st.
Next row: k15, m1, k3, m1, k15. (35 sts)
Work 3 rows in st st.
Next row: k3, m1, k1, m1, k27, m1, k1, m1, k3. P1 row.
Next row: k16, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k16.
Work 3 rows in st st.
Next row: k15, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k15.
Work 3 rows in st st.
Next row: K1, [k2 tog] to end. P1 row.
Next row: [k2 tog] to end.
Break off yarn. Thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Sew up back seam to neck edge (leaving neck edge open). Stuff firmly.

Right arm
Begin with CC
Cast on 6 stitches. P 1 row.
Next row: k1 [m1, k1] to end. P 1 row.
Next row: k1, [m1, k4, m1, k1] twice. (15 sts) P 1 row.
Break off CC, begin next row with MC
Work 2 rows in st st.

Next row: k1, [skpo] twice, [k2 tog] twice, k6.

**Work 3 rows in st st.

Next row: k1, m1, k9, m1, k1.

Work 9 rows in st st.

Next row: k1, [k2 tog] 6 times. P 1 row.

Next row: k1, [k2 tog, k1] twice.

Break off yarn. Thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Sew up seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

Left arm

Begin with CC

Cast on 6 stitches. P 1 row.

Next row: k1 [m1, k1] to end. P 1 row.

Next row: k1, [m1, k4, m1, k1] twice. (15 sts) P 1 row.

Break off CC, begin next row with MC

Work 2 rows in st st.

Next row: k6, [skpo] twice, [k2 tog] twice, k1.

For rest of left arm, follow pattern for right arm from **

Head

Begin with MC

Begin at back. Cast on 7 sts. P 1 row.

Next row: k1, [m1, k1] to end. P 1 row.

Next row: k1, [m1, k1] to end. (25 sts)

Work 3 rows in st st.

Next row: k1, [m1, k3] to end. (33 sts)

Work 11 rows.

Break off MC, begin next row with CC

Next row: k12, k2 tog, k5, skpo, k12. P 1 row.

Next row: [k2 tog] 7 times, k3, [skpo] 7 times.

Work 3 rows in st st.

Next row: k1, [k2 tog] to end.

Break off yarn. Thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Sew up seam, leaving an opening. Stuff firmly and close opening.

(If using safety eyes, attach before sewing and stuffing head)

Ears (make 2)

Knit ears with MC

Cast on 3 sts. K 1 row.

Next row: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. K 1 row.

Repeat these two rows twice more. (9 sts)

Work in garter stitch until ear is 1 3/4 inches long.

Next row: k1, skpo, k3, k2 tog, k1. K 1 row.

Next row: Cast off.

Tail

Knit tail with MC.

Cast on 8 sts.

Beginning with a P row, work 5 rows in st st.

Next row: [k2 tog] 4 times.

Break off yarn. Thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Sew up seam.

To Make Up

Sew head securely to open neck edge of body. Fold ears in half lengthwise and sew in place on head. With length of yarn, embroider nose and mouth. Attach eyes in place (or embroider eyes with black yarn if the toy is for a very young child). Thread a length of yarn through left arm about ¼ inch from top, thread yarn through body at shoulder position, then thread yarn though right arm. Thread yarn through body again, and then the left arm and pull tight. Repeat so yarn passes through each arm twice. Pull yarn tight so arms are secure, then fasten off yarn. Attach legs at lower edge of body in the same way as the arms. Sew tail to lamb's bum.

Abbreviations

k = knit

k2 tog = knit 2 together

m1 = make one by picking up loop between stitch just worked and next stitch, and knit into the back of this loop

P or p = purl

p2 tog = purl 2 together

skpo = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

st or sts = stitch or stitches

st st = stocking stitch

tbl = through back of loop(s)