

CLASS 42 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

A: MITTEN CHALLENGE

1. The Orangeville Agricultural Society challenges all fairgoers to knit or crochet mittens in either children or adult sizes.
2. All entries will be donated to local community services for distribution to those in need.
3. You may use the following pattern or your own pattern.
4. You may also enter as many as you wish, however, only 1 pair may be submitted to be judged for competition.

Please indicate the item to be judged.

Mittens: Prize: 1st \$15 2nd \$10 3rd \$5 Len's Mills Gift Certificates

These instructions are written for child's size. Any changes necessary for lady's sizes (L) and man's size (M) are written in brackets thus: ().

Materials:

Knitting Worsted Yarn - 1 ball, (L - 2 balls), (M - 3 balls) 4mm knitting needles.

Right Mitt:

*** Cast on 32 sts (L- 40 sts), (M - 44 sts) and work 2" (L - 3"), (M - 3 1/2") in (K1, P1) ribbing. Work 6 rows (L- 8 rows), (M - 10 rows) even in stocking st, ending with purl row. ** To make Thumb Gusset:*

1st row: K17 (L-K21), (M - K23). Inc 1 st in each of next 2 sts. Knit to end of row.

2nd and alternate rows: Purl

3rd row: K 17 (L-K21), (M-K23). Inc 1 st in next st. K2. Inc 1 st in next st. Knit to end of row.

5th row: K17 (L- K21), (M - K23). Inc 1 st in next st. K4. INC 1 st in next st. Knit to end of row.

6th row: Purl

Continue increasing in this manner, that is, having 2 sts more between increases on next and every alternate row to 40 sts on needle (L - 52 sts), (M - 56 sts)

Next row: Purl

To make Thumb: K 27 (L - K35) (M - K37).

Turn. Cast on 1 st. P 10 (L and M - P 14) including cast on st. Turn. Cast on 1 st. Working on these 11 sts (L and M - 15 sts) continue even in stocking st for 1 3/4" (L - 2 1/4") (M - 2 1/2") or desired length, ending with purl row.

*Next row: K1 * K2tog. Repeat from * to end of row. Break yarn. Thread end through remaining sts. Draw up and fasten securely. Sew thumb seam.*

To make remainder of mitt: With right side of work facing, join yarn to last st on right hand needle. Pick up and knit 2 sts at base of thumb. Knit across sts on left hand needle.

Next row: Purl, purling together the 2 sts picked up at base of thumb. 32 sts on needle (L-40sts) (M - 44 sts)

Continue even in stocking st until work from top of ribbing measures 4 1/2 " (L - 5 1/12"), (M - 6 1/4") or desired length, ending with purl row.

To Shape top:

1st row: K1 S11 K1 pssso K10 (L-K14)(M-K16). K2tog. K2. Sl 1. K1. pssso. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1.

2nd and alternate rows: purl

3rd row: *Kl. Sl 1. Kl. pssso. K8 (L- K12) (M - K14). K2tog. K2. Sl 1K2. pssso. Knit to last 3 sts. K2 tog. Kl.*

5th row: *K1. Sl 1. Kl. pssso. K6 (L-K10) (M-K12). K2tog. K2. Sl 1. Kl. pssso. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. Kl. Continue decreasing in this manner, every alternate row to 16 sts. on needle. Cast off purlways. Sew top and side seams.*

Left Mitt:

*Work from ** to ** as given for right mitt.*

To make thumb gusset:

1st row: K12 (L - K16) (M - K18). Inc 1 st in each of next 2 sts. Knit to end of row.

2nd and alternate rows: Purl

3rd row: K12 (L - K16) (M - K18). Inc 1 st in next st. K2. Inc 1 st in next st. Knit to end or row.

5th row: K 12 (L - K16) (M - K18). Inc 1 st in next st. K4. Inc 1 st in next st. Knit to end of row.

6th row: Purl.

Continue increasing in this manner, that is having 2 sts more between increases on next and every alternate row to 40 sts on needle (L - 52 sts) (M 56 sts).

Next row: purl

To make thumb: K22 (L - K30) (M - K32).

Turn. Cast on 1 st. P 10 (L and M - P 14) including cast-on st. Turn. Cast on 1 st.

Working on these 11 sts. (L and M - 15 sts) complete thumb and remainder of mitt as given for right mitt.

B: CHEMO HAT– KNIT OR CROCHET: Prize: 1st \$10 2nd \$7 3rd \$5

Chemo hats are different from other hats. They are not designed to be worn over hair, so they fit differently. They are in direct contact with a sensitive scalp, so they must be smooth and soft. Consider hats decorated with removable accents such as knitted flowers, ribbons or pins.

Materials: Do not choose lacy, openwork patterns. When choosing yarn, choose fibres that can be washed without special care or instructions. Soft acrylic yarns are a good choice.

Basic Chemo Hat Pattern:

To make a simple knitted chemo cap with a rolled brim, you will need 100g or one skein, of an appropriate worsted weight yarn, one set of size 7 double pointed needles, or whatever size you need to get the correct gauge of your pattern (if you are following one). You can also use the magic loop knitting method using a circular knitting needle, if you desire. You should be knitting at a gauge of 5 stitches of stockinette stitch equal to 1 inch.

To begin, cast on 100 stitches for a small adult hat, or 110 stitches for a large adult hat. Cast on loosely. If you are using double-pointed needles, divide the stitches evenly among the needles, holding one in reserve. Join the stitches for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round. Work in stockinette stitch until the hat measures 6.5 inches for the small hat, or 7 inches for the large hat.

After you have reached this length, begin to decrease the stitches. Begin your decrease round at the stitch marker. Knit 8 stitches, knit 2 together and repeat until you reach the stitch marker, knit one round.

(Knit 7 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round.

(Knit 6 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round. (Knit 5 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round. (Knit 4 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round.

(Knit 3 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round.

(Knit 2 stitches, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker; knit one round.

(Knit 1 stitch, Knit 2tog) and repeat until you reach the stitch marker.

Knit 2tog and repeat until you reach the stitch marker. Leaving a 15-inch tail, cut the yarn and run it through all remaining stitches. Pull to close the top of the hat and weave in the ends.

Decorate as desired.

C: Incubator Quilt Challenge: Prize: 1st \$10 2nd \$7 3rd \$5

The Orangeville Agricultural Society challenges all fair exhibitors to create incubator quilts for infants at the local hospital.

You may make as many as you wish, however, only one will be judged for the competition.

Please use following guidelines in creating these quilts: Approx. size: 28" x 30"

Colour: Bright, cheerful children's prints & plains

Fabric: Cotton and/or flannelette

They may be hand or machine quilted

***The Orangeville Agricultural Society Home Craft members wish to thank all who have made mittens, chemo hats and incubator quilts for the competition and donation over the past few years. The quilts and chemo hats are donated to the Headwaters Health Care Centre The mittens have been donated to any one of the following:
Family Transition Place, Choices Youth Shelter, CAS***