



*Free Knitting Pattern*

LION BRAND® HEARTLAND®

# PRICKLY PEAR MITTS

Pattern Number: M21181 HL



## SKILL LEVEL – EASY

## SIZES

**Finished Circumference** About 8 in. (20.5 cm) around palm

**Finished Length** About 7 in. (18 cm)

## MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® HEARTLAND® (Art. #136)  
#148 Badlands 2 balls
- LION BRAND® double pointed needles size 7 (4.5 cm),  
set of 5
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® stitch holders
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



## GAUGE

16 sts + 24 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st worked in rnds (k every st of every rnd).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATION

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

## PATTERN STITCHES

### Double Moss Stitch (worked in rnds over a multiple of 4 sts)

**Rnds 1 and 2:** \* P2, k2; rep from \* to end of row.

**Rnds 3 and 4:** \* K2, p2; rep from \* to end of row.

Rep Rnds 1-4 for Double Moss st pattern.

### K2, p2 Rib (worked in rnds over a multiple of 4 sts)

**Rnd 1:** \* K2, p2; rep from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnd 2:** K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Rnd 2 for K2, p2 Rib.

## NOTES

1. Mitts are worked in rnds on double pointed needles from lower ribbing upwards.
2. Each Mitt begins and ends with ribbing, then main section is worked in Double Moss st on back of hand and St st (k every st of every rnd) on palm.

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3. Sts are increased to shape thumb gusset then sts are placed on a holder for thumb. Held sts are returned to needles after hand is complete then thumb is worked in rnds.
4. Right and Left Mitt are worked similarly except for thumb gussets.
5. When you see 'as established' in the instructions, this means to continue in the current pattern st, lining up sts as in previous rows.

## RIGHT MITT

Cast on 32 sts. Divide sts onto double pointed needles, placing 8 sts on each of 4 needles. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 8 rnds.

**Next Rnd:** Work Rnd 1 of Double Moss st pattern over first 16 sts, place marker (pm), k to end of rnd.

Next 5 Rnds: Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, slip marker (sm), k to end of rnd.

### *Shape Thumb Gusset*

**Rnd 1:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, M1, k1, M1, pm, k to end of rnd – you will have 34 sts in this rnd (3 sts between first and 2nd markers for thumb gusset).

**Rnd 2:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k3, sm, k to end of rnd.

**Rnd 3:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, M1, k to next marker, M1, sm, k to end of rnd – 36 sts (5 sts between first and 2nd markers).

**Rnd 4:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k to next marker, sm, k to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 3 and 4 until there are 15 sts between first and 2nd markers (46 sts total), end with a Rnd 4 as the last rnd you work.

## *Hand*

**Rnd 1:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, place the 15 sts between markers on a holder and remove the 2nd marker, k to end of rnd – 31 sts.

**Rnd 2 (Increase Rnd):** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, M1, k to end of rnd – 32 sts.

**Next 8 Rnds:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k to end of rnd. Remove first marker while working last rnd.

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 4 rnds.

Bind off.

## *Thumb*

Return the 15 thumb gusset sts from holder to double pointed needles, placing 6 sts on each of first 2 needles, and 3 sts on 3rd needle; using 3rd needle, pick up 1 st in edge of hand – 16 sts.

**Rnd 1:** Leaving a long beg yarn tail, k16.

Place marker for beg of rnd.

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

Work 4 rnds in K2, p2 Rib.

Bind off.

## LEFT MITT

Work same as Right Mitt to *Shape Thumb Gusset*.

### *Shape Thumb Gusset*

**Rnd 1:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k15, pm, M1, k1, M1— you will have 34 sts in this rnd (3 sts between 2nd marker and beg of rnd marker for thumb gusset).

**Rnd 2:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k15, sm, k to end of rnd.

**Rnd 3:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k15, sm, M1, k to end of rnd, M1 – 36 sts (5 sts between 2nd marker and beg of rnd marker).

**Rnd 4:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k15, sm, k to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 3 and 4 until there are 15 sts between 2nd marker and beg of rnd marker (46 sts total), end with a Rnd 4 as the last rnd you work.

### *Hand*

**Rnd 1:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k15, remove next marker, place next 15 sts between markers on a holder – 31 sts.

**Rnd 2 (Increase Rnd):** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k to end of rnd, M1 – 32 sts.

**Next 8 Rnds:** Work in Double Moss st pattern as established to marker, sm, k to end of rnd. Remove first marker while working last rnd.

Work in K2, p2 Rib for 4 rnds.

Bind off.

### *Thumb*

Work same as *Thumb* of Right Mitt.

## FINISHING

Use long yarn tail at base of thumbs to sew any holes closed.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = begin(ning)

**k** = knit

**p** = purl

**rep** = repeat

**rnd(s)** = round(s)

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**St st** = Stockinette stitch

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