

Highwayman

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Pirate-Husband asked me to design "manly black armwarmers" for him to wear while riding, and explained that he needed something to close the gap between his leather jacket and his gloves. Cables were the first thing that came to mind. He liked them so much that I made a pair for myself as well! These are just the thing for scenic motorcycle rides in the country - or blustery fall days in the city. Made of 100% wool, they are warm without being too bulky, and fit tightly to help keep the wind out.



SIZE: S [L] (shown in size S)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Arm: 6 [7.5] inches around at widest point of forearm

YARN: Patricia Roberts Lambswool [100% lambswool; 50g/168 yards]; charcoal gray; 1 skein *or* Filatura Di CrosaZarina Extrafine Merino [100% merino; 50g/181 yards]; colour 1490: blue; 1 skein *or* any other sport-DK weight yarn to get gauge.

AND ALSO:

1 set(s) US #3/3.25mm double-point needles

Cable needle

Tapestry needle

Round marker

GAUGE: 30 sts/42 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

A QUICK NOTE ON WHAT IT MEANS:

C2B: slip two stitches onto the cable needle, hold to back of work, k2, then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.

C2F: slip two stitches onto the cable needle, hold to front of work, k2, then knit the two stitches from the cable needle.



FINALLY, THE PATTERN:

CO 50 (60) stitches and arrange them in multiples of 10 over four needles. Since the pattern repeats over ten stitches, I put 20 stitches on the first and third needles, and 10 stitches on the second and fourth needles. Join, being sure not to twist, and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

CUFF:

Work 20 rounds in ribbing pattern:

* k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, p2*, repeat from *.

WRIST:

Work 6 full repeats (36 rounds) of cable pattern:

Round 1: *k8, p2*, repeat from *

Round 2: * C2B, C2F, p2*, repeat from *

Rounds 3-6: repeat Row 1

Round 37: Work round 1 of the cable pattern.

Round 38: Work round 2 of the cable pattern.

Round 39: Work one round in *k2, p1, k2, p1, k2, p2* ribbing.

THUMB OPENING:

The thumb area is worked back and forth, with decreases at the end of every third row. Work 20 rows in the established ribbing pattern, knitting the knit stitches and purling the purl stitches as they appear.

On row 1, p last two sts tog.

On row 3 4, p last two sts tog.

On row 7, k last two sts tog.

On row 10, k last two sts tog.

On row 13, k last two sts tog.

On row 16, p last two sts tog.

On row 19, p last two sts tog.

Row 21: Work in established pattern to the last stitch on needle 4. Slip that stitch to the beginning of needle 1 to rejoin the round, and purl it together with the next stitch on needle 1. 43 (53) sts remain.

THE TOP BIT:

Work six more rows, following the established ribbing pattern, knitting the knit stitches and purling the purl stitches as they appear. The pattern will 'jump' a little over the thumbhole.

FINISHING

Bind off with Elizabeth Zimmermann's Sewn Cast-Off from "Knitting Without Tears," as found on <http://www.socknitters.com/toe-up/lessonsix.htm>:

*Break yarn, leaving a tail about 4 times as long as the circumference of the armwarmer. Thread a tapestry needle. *Sew forward (right to left) through two stitches as if to purl, leave the stitches on. Sew backward (left to right) through one stitch as if to knit and remove the stitch. Repeat from * until you run out of stitches.*

Denise's variation for circular knitting:

For the very first stitch only, after you go backwards through it, do not remove it, instead move it to be the last stitch on the final needle. It will then become the final stitch to be cast off. This gives a neater finish to the end of the round.

Weave in all ends.

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