

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

(see page 19 for standard abbreviations)

m1—for this pattern, increase one stitch by picking up and knitting the loop that lies between stitches (see page 18).

Monster boots

Using size 3 (3.25 mm) needles and col A, cast on 34 (37:40) sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 3 (3½:4) in [8 (9:10) cm], ending after a ws row.

INSTEP SHAPING

With rs facing, rib 22 (24:26) sts, turn, then rib 10 (11:12) sts, turn, and work on the center 10 (11:12) sts for the instep.

With rs facing, change to size 6 (4 mm) needles, and knit next 10 (10:12) rows.

Break off yarn, and rejoin to beg of instep. Pick up and knit 10 (10:12) sts along side of instep, then work across 10 (11:12) sts at toe.

Now pick up and knit 10 (10:12) sts along other side of instep, and work across sts on needle.

There should now be 54 (57:64) sts in total. Knit 8 rows.

SOLE DECREASE

With rs facing, *k1, k2tog rep from * to last 0 (0:1), then k0 (0:1).

Purl 1 row.

Next row: *k1, k2tog rep from * to last 1 (0:1), then k1 (0:1).

Bind off all sts in rib, and fasten off securely.

Mitts (make 2)

Using size 3 (3.25 mm) needles and col A, cast on 22 (24:26) sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 1½ in (4 cm), ending after a ws row.

With rs facing, change to size 6 (4 mm) needles, and knit 6 (6:8) rows.

THUMB OPENING

With rs facing, k8 (9:10) sts, then slip next 6 sts onto a stitch holder.

Cast on 4 sts, then work the rem 8 (9:10) sts.

There are now 20 (22:26) sts.

Knit 22 (24:26) rows.

SHAPETOP OF MITT

With rs facing, k1, k2tog, k4 (5:6), k2tog, k2,

k2tog, k4 (5:6), then k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Bind off all sts, and fasten off securely.

THUMB

Rejoin yarn, and cast on 2 sts, work 6 sts held on stitch holder, then cast on 2 sts. You now have 8 (8:8) sts.

Knit 8 (8:10) rows.

SHAPETOP OF THUMB

Next row: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1.

Bind off all sts, and fasten off securely.

CLAWS (MAKE 4 LARGE, 12 SMALL)

Using 3 (3.25 mm) needles and col B, cast on 3 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Next row: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1. (5 sts.)

Purl 1 row.

For small claw, work 2 more rows in st st, then bind off. Make 12 alike.

For large claw, work 6 more rows, then bind off. Make 4 alike.

Making up the monster boots

✧ Join sole and leg seam together, and weave in all loose ends on the reverse.

✧ Fold each claw in half, and join the seam from tip to about halfway toward the bound-off edge. Open out the bound-off edge, and stitch to the toe of the monster boot (using the picture as a guide), with one large claw and three small claws for each boot.

✧ Finally, thread a bodkin with yarn A, make large overstitches between each toe, and pull up tight to form a small rounded shape on the underside, to accentuate the toes.

Making up the monster mitts

✧ Using yarn A, join the thumb and main seams, and weave in all loose ends neatly on the reverse.

✧ Join claw seams as before, and sew one large claw to each thumb, then the remaining small claws to the main part of each mitt.

