

#### SIZE

Onesize /Unisex

#### **MEASUREMENTS**

L: 27 cm. W = 10.5 cm

CHUNKY ANDEAN WOOL (100 m/50 g) Glamorous 6025: 100 g

# GAUGE

15 sts x 34 rounds in brioche st

#### SUGGESTED NEEDLES

Circular needles or double pointed needles 5.5 mm

KAKTUS MITTENS are nice, thick mittens in chunky brioche stitch. They are quick to knit and they will keep you warm throughout the winter. Brioche stitch is very elastic and this pattern works well for both men and women. You can adjust the length of the hand and thumbs to fit

KAKTUS MITTENS is a part of the KAKTUS collection: KAKTUS HEADBAND KAKTUS SCARF **KAKTUS BERET** 

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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

**k** = knit

p = purl

st(s) = stitch(es)

**BOR** = Beginning of round marker

M= Stitch Marker

wyf = with the yarn in front of the work.

wyb = with the yarn in back of the work.

**YO** = Yarn Over - (wrap the yarn over the needle)

**RS**= Right side WS= Wrong side

dec = decrease(s)

Slip sts = enter the stitch as if to purl it and slide to the right needle.

Brioche-k = Knit the slipped st and the YO over together

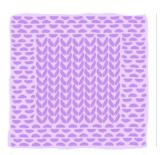
**Brioche-p** = Purl the slipped st and the YO over together

ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip 2 stitches knitwise one by one and knit them together through the back loop.

# **GAUGE SWATCH**

For a good result, you need to make a gauge swatch. You might need more yarn to finish or the size doesn't fit if the gauge is off. A difference of a single stitch per 10 cm can easily give a difference of several cm on the finished garment.

The gauge describes how many stitches you need per 10 cm horizontally on the swatch, and how many rows/rounds you need per 10 cm vertically. If the number of stitches on your sample is too large compared to the pattern, switch to a larger needle. Switch to a smaller needle if the number of stitches is too low. Wash your sample and measure when dry



Number of rows/rounds per 10 cm

Number of stitches per 10 cm



#### PATTERN

The mittens are knit in 1 strand of Chunky Andean Wool. Begin with the wrist ribbing worked in rib stitch, then work the hand in brioche stitch and finish with the thumb in rib stitch.

ITALIAN CAST ON (video guide: ITALIAN CAST ON-in the round at www.kaosyarn.dk/en/knitting-guide). Cast on 16 sts on double pointed needles or circular needles 5.5 mm with a provisional cast on around the wire of another thinner circular needle. Keep a yarn end of 25 cm to use for finishing the thumb later. First make a knot around the wire and cast on by catching the yarn respectively over and under the wire - keep the yarn tension loose. Turn and knit 3 rows in stockinette st (purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row) - on the last purl row, slip the first st wyif.

Turn and fold the knit together with RS out and work in rib st ( $k \, 1, p \, 1$ ) by continuously knitting 1 st from your working needle and purling 1 st from the smaller needle. **Note**: The first knit st is slipped wyb and every other purl st from the smaller needle sits twisted on the needle and should be worked through the backloop. [32 m]

#### **RIBBING**

Join in the round, place a stitch marker to mark beginning of the round (BOR) and work 20 rounds in rib st (k 1, p 1)

### BRIOCHE

From here you work in brioche st. It takes 2 rounds to knit all the brioche stitches.

#### Set up rounds:

Knit round: \*k 1, YO+1 slip st\*. Repeat from \*-\* to BOR.

Purl round: \*YO+1 slip st, brioche-p 1\*. Repeat from \*-\* to BOR.

Make increases for the thumb on the next round by knitting 15 sts in the first stitch as follows: INC: \*Brioche-k 1 without lifting the st off the left needle, YO\*. Repeat \*-\* until there are 15 new sts on the needle [46 sts] Continue in brioche to BOR: \*YO+1 slip st, brioche-k 1\*, Repeat \*-\* to 1 st before BOR, YO+1 slip st.

Place a stitch marker (M) after the 15 sts on the following round and continue in brioche as follows: BOR, work 15 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), place M, \*brioche-p 1, YO+1 slip st\*, Repeat \*-\* to 1 st before BOR, brioche-p 1.

Continue in the round with rib st on the thumb sts and brioche on the rest of the sts:

**Thumb ROUND 1**: work 15 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), \*YO+1 slip st, brioche-k 1\*, Repeat \*-\* to 1 st before BOR, YO+1 slip st. **Thumb ROUND 2**: work 15 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), \*brioche-p 1, YO+1 slip st\*, Repeat \*-\* to 1 st before BOR, brioche-p 1.

Repeat Thumb Round 1 + Thumb Round 2 - 6 more times (you have 16 thumb rib rounds in total). Place the 15 rib sts on a stitch holder and make a new stitch with backward loop cast on (counts as "brioche-k 1 in the first ROUND 1):

**ROUND 1 (knit round)**: \*brioche-k 1, YO+1 slip st\*. Repeat from \*-\* to BOR. **ROUND 2**: \*YO+1 slip st, brioche-p 1\*. Repeat from \*-\* to BOR.

Repeat ROUND 1 + ROUND 2 to a total of 40 rounds of brioche counted from thumb (looks as 20 rounds).

# RIB ENDING

Knit 5 rounds of rib st ( $k \mid p \mid$ ) and then decrease the sts on the next round: \*ssk\*, repeat from \*-\* tol BOR. [9 sts] Break the yarn and bring the yarn end through all the stitches and pull them together.

# THUMB

Place the 15 stitches from the stitch holder on double pointed needles 5.5 mm or circular needles with magic loop.. Knit up 3 new stitches in and around the new stitch between the front and back [18 sts]

Work 13 rounds of rib sts (k 1, p 1) or until it covers your thumb and dec on the next round as follows: \*ssk\*, repeat from \*-\* to BOR

Break the yarn and bring the yarn end through all the stitches and pull them together.

Knit the second mitten the same way.

# **FINISHING**

Weave in the yarn ends from the bind off of both hand and thumb a couple of times through the last stitches. With the yarn end from the cast on , gather the gap from the join and weave in the end all the way up the ribbing to the thumb and sew through all of the inc stitches and pull them together. Wash the mittens and squeeze them free of water and let them dry lying flat on a towel.