



Crafty Housewife Yarns

Boldly Traditional

Small projects using hand spun yarn

Handspun Yarn Suggestion: varies for the different projects. around 35–50 yards worsted to bulky weigh commercial yarn from your fave yarn shop and 20–50 yards handspun worsted or bulky weight

Needle size : see individual patterns

Gage: 14 to 15 stitches per 4 inches

Size: see individual patter

Skills needed: basic crochet, knitting in the round, flat garter stitch

Abbreviations:

K: knit

sts : stitches

P: purl

k2tog: Knit next 2sts together

Crochet

sc- single crochet

shell edge crochet

Pattern support:

I would highly recommend blocking your handspun projects. Always use cool water to wet and then lay flat to dry in the desired shape. If your yarn has very bright dyes it's always wise to lay flat to dry on an old towel or something similar the first time you block to avoid any color transfer, just like those cool dark wash jeans.

Alterations suggestions:



These are three suggestions or inspirations for patterns, they are not meant to be exact patterns. I have some exact full written out patterns at my site, www.craftyhousewifeyarns.com

Handspun crown beanie:

This hat is great to really show off some one of a kind hand spun yarn.

You could use either bulky weight or worsted weight commercially spun yarn from your yarn shop that you felt complimented the hand spun. Grey is always a favorite of mine. I would go with a solid natural color.

Knitting suggestion:

cast on either 72 or 66 stitches depending on if you're using Heavy worsted weight or bulky weight. I like to use double posted needles around size 7 but if you prefer a circular needle to start that works fine too.



k in a repeating k2, p2 to get a ribbed band

work pattern for around 4 –5 inches in the neutral commercially spun yarn then switch to the hand spun keeping the same pattern.

once the hat reaches 6 – 7 inches total start the decrease.

Decrease: at the start of the row *k6 then k2tog* all the way around





next row and every other row after knit all the k and purl all the p all the way around

3rd row *k5 then k2tog* all the way around

Repeat these two rows every other row knitting all k and purling all purls

Decrease the number of stitches in between k2tog every other row, 4sts ,3sts, 2sts ,1sts , all the way down.

When you have finished all of your decrease rows run the tail of your yarn through all of the remaining

approx 11 sts and pull tight.

Weave in all ends

Crochet handspun edge gloves

Yarn: approx 50–60 yards of worsted – bulky yarn from your favorite local yarn shop or your stash



handspun yarn worsted– bulky approx 20–30 yards

Co 20 stitches, chain 1 turn and (if you have wide hands cast on a few more till it stretches to fit, you don't want it too loose, seam will be sewn up by your thumb)

If you are using bulky weight yarn depending on the size of your hands you could co fewer stitches and make fewer rows. Try co 15 and 12 rows

continues in a hdc pattern for 15 rows then bind off



With the handspun yarn sc all the way around the border of the rectangle. chain 3 and then make a decorative shell stitch edge all the way around. (youtube is where I learned the shell stitch, its fun)

Use the same handspun yarn to sew the short edge together.

Stop 2 inches from the top (to make thumb hole)

Start sewing down from the top for one inch approx (leaving a inch hole for your thumb)

Weave in all ends.

Make second glove the same way



Knitted Handspun accent fingerless gloves

Yarn: approx 50–60 yards of worsted – bulky yarn from your favorite local yarn shop or your stash

handspun yarn worsted–bulky approx 20–30 yards

(you can always switch this and use the handspun for the majority of the gloves and then use commercially spun yarn from your stash for the accent as shown in the picture. This depends on how you want it to look and how much you have to work with of each yarn)



If you are using bulky weight yarn depending on the size of your hands you could do fewer stitches and make fewer rows. Try co 25 and 20 rows



CO 30 st

knit in garter stitch every row for 25 rows Switching to whichever you decided to be your accent color for the last 5 rows.

Stretchy bind off(you tube can teach you)



Use the same handspun yarn to sew the short edge together.

Stop 2 inches from the top (to make thumb hole)

Start sewing down from the top for one inch approx (leaving a inch hole for

your thumb)

weave in all ends, make second glove the same way.

