

Amy's Awesome Topless Mitts - 2 ways

crazymokes.com | i make socks live on tiktok: rainishamy | youtube: amy the sockmaker



Fully ribbed

**Stockinette across the hand
(fyi this is from a different pattern)**

INTRO

I refer to the 12, 9, 6 & 3 o'clock hash marks throughout. I start my project at my 3 o'clock hash mark. You may need to adjust if you do things differently. I made these on a 64 cylinder. The thumb gusset is 22 needles across. If you have a different cylinder, calculate roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the needles for your thumb gusset. Remember, close enough is good enough!!

I made these for my hands, which are on the large side for a woman. You may need to adjust for your hand size. I used a 2x2 rib for these, but you can choose whatever rib pattern you prefer. These can be done with a mock rib, in fact if you choose to do the fully ribbed version, I suspect it will be easier because you won't have to do any dropping down or deal with removing / adding in the ribber! I leave figuring out how to translate this pattern into a mock rib as an exercise for the cranker (I'm lazy, but if you have trouble I'll try to help).

2 ways! Fully ribbed, or stockinette with top and bottom ribbing

The main pattern is fully ribbed (first picture). If you want the stockinette across the hand, then follow the alternate parts marked with ***** STARS *****. The fully ribbed section you would substitute for is marked in **### HASH TAGS ###**. If you find yourself confused, please let me know so I can update / improve this pattern.

Terminology:

Stockinette: the fabric that is made with no ribbing / no ribber

Rib stitch = purl stitch (I tend to use interchangeably)

YC = yarn carrier

Do you want a less wordy pattern? Print the last page!

LETS BEGIN YAY!

Waste yarn, all needles in

1 row of rip cord (braided fishing line is what I use)

Project yarn – start with an e-wrap

- do not knit all the way around through your e-wrap, stop at 6oclock, and install ribber in a 2x2

fully ribbed version:

40 rows 2x2 rib - remove ribber

5 rows stockinette

###

*** stockinette on the hand version:

25 rows 2x2 rib

20 rows stockinette

THUMB GUSSET

As soon as the counter clicks over to 5th row (***) or 20th row (***) (at 9 o'clock), STOP, raise needles to do thumb

- 22 needles, centered around the 6 o'clock hash mark, start with raising the 12th needle after 6 o'clock and all the rest going around as your YC moves around. Once your YC is behind raised needles, reset your counter.

26 thumb gusset rows with slipped 1st stitch

- with each pass you will lift the first needle, and lower the last needle from the previous pass

- this will create a nice slipped stitch edge that will be easy to hang

- last row do NOT lift first needle (because this puts 2 strands of yarn on the needle and we don't need that confusion later on! We are going to be kind to your future self)

- the counter can count for you, it will click at the end of a right to left pass, and at the beginning of the left to right pass. just be carefully not to tick it when it shouldn't be ticked

- cut a nice long tail, maybe 2x the length of a kitchener tail (not sure on that I'm bad at tail length)

BINDOFF and/or removal of the thumb:

- **back stitch bind off:** add waste yarn and remove from the machine, then when the mitt is off the machine, back stick bind off with needle and yarn tail

OR

- **latch hook bind off** (i think this may looks nicest but I haven't actually tried it yet) use a needle or latch hook tool to latch hook bind off while on the machine. Don't do it loose or it will be WAY too loose off the machine.

Keep any remaining tail, you still need it

- either way, the thumb gusset is now OFF the machine and you have 22 bare naked needles

Hang the thumb gusset

- grab the purl bump from the stitch on the standing needle at each end of the gusset, pull it over to hang on the first / last needle – this will close any gap and keep laddering at bay
- using the lovely slipped stitch edge, hang 1 or both strands onto the needles (I just do one) -- 1 stitch per needle. Keep in mind that 1 stitch spans 2 rows, so when you hang 11 stitches, you're covering 22 rows. You should have 2-3 stitches leftover, this can vary, don't stress too much it's fine. Look at you, you're hanging A GUSSET! pat yourself on the back. Don't forget to breath. Hydrate.
- hang 2-3 heel forks across the gusset to weight it down

Reset row counter, add back in project yarn (weave it around a few standing needles to anchor and so you don't have to weave it in off the machine), carefully knit through hung thumb gusset

5 rows stockinette

[### FULLY RIBBED SECTION ###]

This is a pain in the arse, you've been warned.

- drop down each ribbed stitch to where it WAS ribbed, and latch it back up rib / purlwise
- leave thumb area alone
- as each section is dropped / latched up, raise needles so you don't knit around and knit stockinette stitches instead of purl
- once all ribbed columns are latched up, load in the ribber, making sure to get the correct needles ribbing so as to keep your rib columns consistent

45 rows 2x2 ribbing

###

[* ALTERNATE SECTION FOR STOCKINETTE ACROSS THE HAND ***]**

15 rows stockinette (in **addition** to the 5 rows after hanging the gusset)

30 rows 2x2 rib

waste yarn

back stitch bind off

THAT PESKY WASTE YARN AT THE END

- it's a little more work, but on your last row, with your YC at about 7-8 o'clock, I like to switch my ribber needles over to cylinder and remove that pesky ribber. The rib will still be there in your project yarn, it will just put all the waste yarn in stockinette.

But why Amy, WHY??

This makes back stitch bind off easier, and prevents silly tail / yarn holding (carefully pass wad of yarn under the ribber arm, hold awkwardly until next pass, watching to make sure tails don't get caught up in knitting, cry

in shame when you can't manage it and/or it takes 20 min just to get your topless mitt off the machine etc.) while trying to get the waste yarn on.

Once the mitt is off, bind off the top with a back stitch bind off.

Bind off the top of the thumb if you didn't already, as well as stitch up the side of your thumb.

Weave in any and all ends.

ENJOY YOUR TOPLESS MITT! And post photos, we all want to SEE.

Keywords: gloves mittens mitts fingerless mitten glove

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A CHECKLIST?

TOPLESS MITTS CHECKLIST - FULLY RIBBED

- waste yarn
- project yarn
- ewrap
- 40 rows rib pattern of your choice
- 5 rows stockinette
- 26 thumb gusset rows w/ slipped edge
raise first needle each pass
- remove gusset
 - hang the slipped edge
 - knit through, YC at 12o clock
- 5 rows stockinette
- drop down, latch up rib columns, leave thumb area alone
- 45 rows rib pattern of your choice
- waste yarn
- back stitch bind off top, thumb, join sides of thumb, weave in ends

TOPLESS MITTS CHECKLIST - STOCKINETTE

- waste yarn
- project yarn
- ewrap
- 25 rows rib pattern of your choice
- 15 rows stockinette
- 26 thumb gusset rows w/ slipped edge
raise first needle each pass
- remove gusset
 - hang the slipped edge
 - knit through, YC at 12o clock
- 20 rows stockinette
- 25 rows rib pattern of your choice
- waste yarn
- back stitch bind off top, thumb, join sides of thumb, weave in ends