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Materials: 40g of Silk Mawata or other roving OR 200-400 yards of sock-weight yarn; US 2 (2.75mm) needles, tapestry needle

Gauge: 7 stitches = one inch in Stockinette Stitch

Abbreviations: K = knit P = purl sl = slip stitch p-wise

SSK = slip one stitch k-wise, slip second st k-wise, insert
LH ndl through both sts and knit them together

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

M1 = make one new stitch (backwards loop cast on to the
RH needle)...or other method of you prefer

Cast On 56 (60, 64) sts and work 20 rounds in K1P1 rib. Then work 20 rounds all in knit.

Begin Thumb Gusset:

round one: K5, place marker, M1, K3, M1, place marker, K to end of round.

round two: KNIT

round three: KNIT

round four: KNIT

round five: K5, sl marker, M1, K to next marker, M1, sl marker, K to end of round.

round six: KNIT

round seven: KNIT

round eight: KNIT

Repeat rounds 5-8 until there are 17 sts between markers. Knit one more round and across the 17 sts to the end of the thumb gusset (2nd marker). Take all hand sts and put on two dpns to hold until you are ready to knit on them again. Divide the thumb gusset stitches with 9 sts on the first of two ndls and 8 on the second ndl. At this point knit cast on a ninth stitch onto that second needle for a total of 18 thumb stitches. Connect the two sides of the thumb and knit in the round until the thumb top reaches the middle of your thumb nail.

Decrease top of thumb as follows:

round 1: *K1, SSK; rep from * to end of round.

round 2: KNIT.

round 3: K1, *SSK; rep from * to last st then SSK last st to the first st of rnd

round 4: KNIT.

Break roving, leaving 4-4.5 inches and using tapestry needle to run this roving through the remaining live sts 2X, pull snug and bury end inside.

Redeploy stitches to the four dpns at this point with 14 (15, 16) sts on each needle. You will need to pick up at least three to five sts across the thumb (I like to pick up a few extra if I can squeeze them in and decrease them away after working even for a couple of rounds...this gives some ease to the thumb).

Knit around until the mitten reaches the last joint crease of your ring finger. Then decrease as follows:

Round 1: *K1, SSK, K22 (24, 26), K2tog, K1; repeat from * once more.

Round 2: KNIT

Repeat rounds one and two until 28 (30, 32) sts total remain and graft the top of your mitten closed using Kitchener Stitch. If you are participating in the Summit Sock Club for March then use the 60 st. cast on and use the cuff of the sock as the cuff to your mitten! xox Mary Ellen and Ewenice

