

RED AND FLUFFY

Go for smooth, soft yarn in bright colors. Something that will show off your stitches! Then pick up fun fur in a high-contrast color.

The good news? These are fast and a joy to knit. Only one ball of decent size yarn should net you two pairs. One for you and one for a friend. Or knit a pair for charity. Here are some links to organizations that accept knitted goods:
<http://www.warmwoolies.org>

<http://www.fireprojects.org/dulaan.htm>

<http://craftyarncouncil.com/warmup.html>

<http://www.woolworks.org/charity.html>

<http://www.friendsofpineridgereservation.org/difference/craftforpr.shtml>



False rib and fun fur
What's not to like?

These wristlets were knit side to side using malabrigo yarn and size 8 needles. (I knit fairly loose stitches. You may want to go with size 9's. Mileage may vary. :-) My gloves were 5-1/2" long (to allow for the fur at the fingers) and just shy of 8" around before seaming. No, I didn't decrease for the wrist here, either. Straight and simple. Same goes for the swatch. Don't skip this step. Cast on eleven stitches and knit twelve rows. (Use an odd number for the fake rib.) This should give you a nice little inside pocket to sew in later. Meanwhile check your size and see how many stitches you'll need. I cast one with 25, but I do knit loosely. Also, I wanted slouchy, comfy wristlets. If you want something more fitted, go with fewer stitches.

So here goes. Cast on 25 (or whatever your swatch reveals) stitches. Knit six rows of garter stitch. Then start fake rib:

Row 7: (K1, P1) and repeat to end.

Row 8: Purl to end.

Repeat this two-row unit 2 more times.

Knit four rows of garter stitch. Do two two-row units of fake rib. Knit six rows of garter stitch. (Why six? I just liked how it looked. You can do less or more. <g>)

I finished with 6 rows of real rib to tighten up the area over my fingers:

First row -- (K1, P1) to end.

Next row -- (P1, K,1) to end.

Repeat this two-row unit two more times and then cast off loosely.

Measure for your thumb opening. (Mine was 1/4 inch from the top.) Sew up the side seam, matching stitches. Final touch? Pick up stitches all around using fake fur and 4 double point needles. I liked stockinette here for a smoother look and I worked 6 rows. Bind off loosely, weave in your yarn ends and enjoy!

You'll look fab-u-lous! Tell anyone who asks that you bought them in Paris during your last visit.