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## Cascade Pure Alpaca Slip Rib Fingerless Gloves



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These gloves are great worn alone and even more elegant slipped over a plain pair of black or deep purple traditional gloves. The thumb construction looks a little strange off the hand, but molds to the hand quite nicely when slipped on. And they are very easy to make and don't require any adjustments for left and right hands.

**Materials:** 1 skein of Cascade Alpaca Pure, pictured handwarmers are color #3042. Size 5 US double pointed needles OR SIZE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.

**Gauge:** 5 stitches per inch in pattern stitch.

**Special Abbreviation:**

**SL** – Slip one stitch as if to purl carrying yarn behind slipped stitch.

## Directions

Cast on 40 sts. Divide onto dpns so there are 10 sts on needle 1, 20 on needle 2 and 10 on needle 3. Join in the round and work in K2, P2 ribbing for 4 inches.

Begin pattern stitch as follows:

Row 1: P2, K1, \*P4, K1, repeat from \* to last 2 sts, P2

Row 2: P2, SL, P4, SL, repeat from \* to last 2 sts, P2.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for about 1-1/2 inches from top of ribbing. Now you will work back and forth rather than in the round to create a slit for the thumb. So Row 1 will be K2, P1, \*K4, P1, repeat from \* to last 2 sts, K2, but Row 2 will not change. Continue working back and forth for another 1-1/2 inches. Rejoin in the round and work upper part of hand just like lower part again for about 1-1/2 inches. Finally work about 1 inch of K2, P2 ribbing and bind off loosely. Go back and pick up and knit 20 sts around the thumb slit, 9 on each side and 1 each top and bottom. Work 3/4 of an inch of K2, P2 ribbing and bind off loosely.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> glove is a duplicate of the 1st, no special shaping for right/left hands.

The only finishing is weaving in ends. If there are any gaps at thumb holes, use nearby tails to sew them closed.