

muffles!

i decided to make a muff because i am always losing gloves and mittens, and i am hoping that a big thing hanging around my neck won't disappear so quickly. the cables and inner pocket keep it extra warm, and the snug ribbed "internal cuffs" keep any cold air out. also makes a great companion piece to fingerless gloves, or fine leather gloves (like i used to own... sigh) which are great for picking up small things but not so great for keeping fingers warm.

while i was at it, i decided to make one of those "infinity scarf" things as a companion to keep my ears warm, and because my "normal" scarves always seem to end up unwrapped and dangling.

yarn:

each of these uses one skein of naturally alpine 14 ply (or other bulky yarn that gives the same gauge) - you will need 2 skeins to make the set

+ a small amount of scrap yarn for provisional cast ons

needles:

6 mm straights *and* dpns or 16" circular
4 mm dpns

gauge:

13 sts and 16 rows over 4" knitted in stockinette using larger needles

abbreviations:

c6b: slip next 3 sts to cable needle (or spare double-point needle) and hold to back of work; k3, k3 from cable needle.

c6f: slip next 3 sts to cable needle (or spare double-point needle) and hold to front of work; k3, k3 from cable needle.

muffler muff

cast on 43 sts in waste yarn using larger needles

cable pattern:

row 1: k4, p2, k6, p2, k15, p2, k6, p2, k4
row 2: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
row 3: k4, p2, cf6, p2, cf6, cf6, k3, p2, cf6, p2, k4
row 4: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
row 5: k4, p2, k6, p2, k15, p2, k6, p2, k4
row 6: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
row 7: k4, p2, k6, p2, k3, cb6, cb6, p2, k6, p2, k4
row 8: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
row 9: k4, p2, cf6, p2, k15, p2, cf6, p2, k4

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row 10: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 11: k4, p2, k6, p2, cf6, cf6, k3, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 12: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 13: k4, p2, k6, p2, k15, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 14: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 15: k4, k2, cf6, p2, k3, cb6, cb6, p2, cf6, p2, k4
 row 16: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 17: k4, p2, k6, p2, k15, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 18: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 19: k4, p2, k6, p2, cf6, cf6, k3, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 20: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 21: k4, p2, cf6, p2, k15, p2, cf6, p2, k4
 row 22: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 23: k4, p2, k6, p2, k3, cb6, cb6, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 24: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 25: k4, p2, k6, p2, k15, p2, k6, p2, k4
 row 26: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4
 row 27: k4, p2, cf6, p2, cf6, cf6, k3, p2, cf6, p2, k4
 row 28: p4, k2, p6, k2, p15, k2, p6, k2, p4

knit rows 1 through 28 twice, then knit rows 1 through 27, then bind off using waste yarn.

block to measure 12" x 18" (n.b.: takes forever to dry with all those cables!)

remove waste yarn from provisional cast-on and bind-off, picking up the sts as you go. graft ends together (or, if you don't like grafting cables, seam using three-needle bind-off with right sides together).

inside:

cast on 24 sts on larger needles using figure-8 cast on - hold two needles together, then wind yarn around them both in a figure 8 pattern, until you have 24 loops on each needle.

internal cuff:

using smaller dpns, knit the 24 loops from one needle onto three dpns in k1-p1 rib, joining in the round. let the 24 loops from the other needle drop! they'll be easy to pick up later. knit 10 rounds in k1-p1 rib on smaller needles.

gusset:

switch to larger dpns, and knit 2 rounds in stockinette.
 next row: k6, bind off 6, k6 and move these 6 sts to stitch holder, bind off 6.
 still using larger dpns, k6, turn work
 p 6, turn work.
 k2tog, k2, ssk, turn work.
 bind off 4 sts purlwise. n.b. this is the top.
 pick up 6 sts from stitch holder, knit back-and-forth in stockinette until the work measures 7 inches from other end of gusset, ending with purl row.
 k2tog, k2, ssk, turn work.
 bind off 4 sts purlwise. n.b. this is the bottom.

pocket:

pick up 24 sts around edge of cuff, using loops from figure-8 cast on.

place a stitch marker at the centre bottom stitch.
using larger dpns, knit stockinette in the round.
row 1: inc 1 every second stitch 5 times on either side of marker (34 sts)
row 2: knit
row 3: inc 1 every second stitch 10 times on either side of marker (54 sts)
continue in stockinette until work measures 4 inches from end of ribbing.
next row: dec 1 every second stitch 10 times on either side of marker (34 sts)
next row: knit
next row: dec 1 every second stitch 5 times on either side of marker (24 sts)
switch to smaller dpns, knit 10 rows in k1-p1 rib.

make second gusset as the first, making certain that the bottom and top match up!

cord:

using smaller dpns, cast on 3, knit as for i-cord (knit 3, slide to other end of needle, carry yarn across back, repeat) until work measures 36 inches from beginning.

to make up:

turn inside of muff so that the pocket is purlside out; insert into cabled sleeve and pin gussets into place, making sure there is no twisting/tops and bottoms are aligned.
secure cord to purlside of top of each gusset.
sew all around edge of gusset to attach to cabled sleeve.

muff muffler

cast on 19 sts in waste yarn using larger needles

cable pattern:

row 1: k3, p2, k3, cf6, p2, k3
row 2: p3, k2, p9, k2, p3
row 3: k3, p2, cb6, k3, p2, k3
row 4: p3, k2, p9, k2, p3

knit in pattern for approximately 60 inches ending with row 3. leave on needle.
remove waste yarn from provisional cast-on, picking up the sts as you go. graft ends together (or, if you don't like grafting cables, seam using three-needle bind-off with right sides together).

n.b.: do not twist like a moebius! this is long enough to go around 3 times, so you do not need a twist!