

# Breton Stripe Handwarmers



For this pattern you will be working stripes in the round, which can cause a step or jog when you switch colors. See my directions on how to do a stepless stripe <http://www.justcraftyenough.com/2012/09/go-team-mittens/>.

## Supplies:

- white or ecru fingering or sock weight yarn, about 100 yards (I used Red Heart Heart and Sole)
- black or navy blue fingering or sock weight yarn, about 100 yards (I used King Merinos Lamé which is technically a sport weight)

## Tools:

- 4 size 2 (2.75mm) double-pointed needles (or size needed to get gauge)
- stitch marker
- tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 7 stitches and 9 rows in 1 inch

**Size:** Women's medium (6.25" around, but mine stretch to about 7.25")

You will be starting at the top of the warmers and working down.

Cast on 44 stitches with ecru or white yarn. Divide between 3 needles. Join to knit in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark rounds.

Row 1 - 2: k2, p2 to end of row  
Row 3: switch color, knit  
Row 4: k2, p2 to end of row  
Row 5: switch color, knit  
Row 6: k2, p2 to end of row  
Row 7 - 32 (or desired length): knit switch color every two rows.

**Thumbhole:**

To make the thumbhole you will knit flat instead of in the round, which will leave an opening where the thumb goes. You can leave the stitches on the double-pointed needles while doing this. Keep your stripe pattern going throughout.

Row 33: k43, slip the last stitch as if to knit  
Row 34: Turn your work and go back the way you came, so you will be looking at the inside of the handwarmers (the purl side). p43, slip the last stitch as if to purl  
Row 35 - 50: repeat rows 33 and 34

Now you will go back to knitting in the round.

Row 51 - 81 (or desired length): k  
Row 82: k2, p2 until end of row  
Row 83: knit  
Row 84: k2, p2 until end of row  
Row 85: knit  
Row 86: k2, p2 until end of row  
Bind off in ribbing pattern. Weave in ends.

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