

BABY MITTS IN FELT OR POLAR FLEECE

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Quick to make and warm to wear, mitts are a better choice for newborns than mittens. Make these in purchased polar fleece or felted knitting.

1. Make a pattern by cutting a rectangle of paper 2.5" wide and 4" tall. Round the 2 top corners
2. Lay the pattern along a fold of polar fleece or felt and cut 2 pieces alike
3. Open out the fold.
4. Lay $\frac{1}{4}$ " elastic along the straight edge (opposite the curves) $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge on the right side of the fabric. Doing this will keep the elastic away from the baby's sensitive skin
5. Stitch the elastic in place, stretching as you go so that the elastic is 1" shorter than the distance across the mitt, causing the mitt to gather. Stitching elastic works best with a short, medium width zig-zag stitch. Hold the fabric emerging from behind the needle with one hand, the un-sewn end with the other. Keep some tension between the two hands as you sew. In this way, the elastic can be stretched *and* the pull against the needle controlled. If this is a new skill for you, practice on scraps first.
6. Fold the mitt along the original fold with right sides together
7. sew around the curved end (fingertips) and the long open side.
8. Turn right side out and dress your favorite tot!

