

Magnificent Mittens

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Anna Zilboorg : Magnificent Mittens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Magnificent Mittens:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thank you, Anna!By Leah G. Not easy to follow--you have to flip back and forth between the particular pattern you've chosen and the instructions at various levels and in various places in the book. But the results are wonderful! These are mittens to give for special occasions--to celebrate a wedding, a new love. I made linings of a mohair/alpaca blend and they are deliciously soft and warm and the mittens are beautiful. Although there are instructions for beginning knitters, these techniques are tricky and are really for intermediate-level knitters and up. 30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Beyond MagnificentBy A CustomerI bought this title during a late-night splurge, admired the pictures, and shelved it for several months. Then, prompted by I don't know what, I pulled it out, bought yarn for a pair of mittens for my son, and plunged in. Yes, you do have to actually READ the instructions, which can be kind of tough on experienced knitters who are not used to having to pay that much attention to cast-on techniques, for example. However, it is really not that hard and is SO SO rewarding. I am absolutely hooked on knitting these mittens -- they are in my briefcase for every business trip and I have had the nicest (and most amazing) conversations with people sitting next to me. (Quite a change from the usual business flights where we all pretend that the people around us aren't really there.) A good sportweight yarn (Dale of Norway's Falk, for example, with Tahki's Sable as the angora blend lining in wonderful colors) works nicely for these mittens, or you can splurge on the really lovely, hand-dyed stuff through Carolina Homespun. (I'm saving that for the grown-up mittens.) Either way, it's a really gratifying project and I highly recommend it to anyone getting just a little burned out on sweaters. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. M-m-m-m-m-m Yummy MittensBy bbI love to knit mittens and socks. I am just a bit more than a novice knitter having made plain, serviceable socks and mittens, with interesting yarns. So these patterns are a big departure for me from my usual. I found the instructions easy to follow although sometimes, I "read into them", where perhaps a more experienced knitter would know just what to do.

However, I did indeed go ahead and the mittens came out exactly as they were supposed to. The edgings are a beautiful embellishment to an already lovely item. Even the simplest one makes a just right finishing touch. Anyone who likes to knit, even a novice, would probably enjoy this book and will find something beautiful to knit for themselves or as an appreciated gift for someone special. My only criticism is the same as Anna's (previous review) is that one has to flip back and forth from directions to pattern. So for the next project, a trip to the copy store will be right after the yarn shop.

No more mundane mittens: Anna Zilboorg's mittens use geometric color patterns, mostly Turkish in origin; sophisticated colors; occasional embellishment with beads and embroidery; and generous cuffs with simple yet effective edgings.

About the Author Anna Zilboorg is a knitter, dyer, and designer who focuses on one-of-a-kind garments. She has traveled from the Orient to Turkey to Armenia researching ethnic knitting. Her other books include *Fancy Feet* and *45 Fine Fanciful Hats to Knit*. She lives in Meadows of Dan, Virginia.