BASIC MITTENS – size 8

You will need one pair knitting needles (size 5), one pair knitting needles (size 7), worsted weight wool yarn in desired color (one skein is more than enough for a pair of mittens); two stitch markers, yarn needle, crochet hook (size F), scissors.

CUFF

( ) Cast on 35 stitches using size 5 needles
( ) Row 1: P1, K1 across
( ) Row 2: K1, P1 across
( ) P ( ) K ( ) P
( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K
( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P
( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K
( ) P Change to size 7 needles with next row.

BODY

( ) Knit across row, increasing 7 stitches. {K2, inc, ((K 5, inc)x6), K3} = 42 sts
( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl
( ) K 20, add marker, inc twice, add marker, K 20 = 44 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit – inc before and after each marker = 46 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit – inc before and after each marker = 48 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit – inc before and after each marker = 50 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit – inc before and after each marker = 52 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit – inc before and after each marker = 54 sts
( ) Purl

THUMB

( ) Knit to first marker, leave these 20 sts on needle, add on one st to left needle, knit to marker using a dpn, remove marker, turn, add on one st, leave remaining sts on original needle = 16 thumb stitches

( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P

( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K

( ) P ( ) Knit 2 tog with size 5 needle, yarn over and crochet thumb seam closed

HAND

( ) Using crochet hook, pick up a st in each of 2 added on sts at base of thumb, knit across row = 42 sts

( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P

( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K

( ) P ( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) P

( ) K ( ) P ( ) K ( ) Purl, place marker after stitch 21 to mark middle of row

SHAPING

( ) K2, (s1, K1, PSSO), knit to w/i 3 sts of marker, K2 tog, (s1, K1, PSSO), knit across to last 4 sts, K2 tog, K2 = 38 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 34 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 30 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 26 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 22 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 18 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit 2 tog across row w/ size 5 needles to end up with 9 stitches on needle; cut yarn, leaving a long tail of yarn (18 inches or so). Thread end of yarn onto tapestry needle and draw yarn through all stitches on needle; pull tightly to close. With right sides of mitten facing each other, use remaining yarn on needle to sew up the seam from fingertips to wrist. Tie off yarn and weave end into seam.

Abbreviations used:

K = knit
P = purl
inc = increase
st / sts = stitch / stitches
dpn = double pointed needle(s)
sl = slip stitch
PSSO = pass slipped stitch over