

Christmas Mitt

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Stockings aren't the only thing that can be hung by the chimney with care. Why not start a new tradition and hang mittens instead? This oversize mitten is knit in the same manner as a hand-sized one using a double strand of yarn. It's felted, then a poinsettia is added for a touch of whimsy. Santa would be pleased.



SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

SIZE

Approximately 18" long after felting

MATERIALS

- 10 yds Kreinik Pearl Facets #032 white
- 3 (100g/210 yd) skeins Plymouth Galway, 100% wool, #102 Red (MC)
- 12" scrap yarn in any contrasting color
- Size 10 1/2 (6.5mm) 16" circular and double pointed needles (dpn)
- Stitch markers
- Matching sewing thread

GAUGE

Approx 12 sts x 18 rows = 4" in St st with double strand of yarn, before felting
As felting results vary, gauge is not critical in this project.

STITCH GLOSSARY

2x2 Ribbing

All rnds: *K2, p2; rep from * around.

MITTEN

With 2 strands of MC held tog, cast on 60 sts.

Join without twisting, placing marker between first and last st.

Work even in 2x2 Ribbing for 20 rnds, inc 6 sts evenly on last rnd – 66 sts.

Change to St st and work even for 14 rnds.

Mark for thumb

Next rnd: K3, drop MC, knit next 9 sts with CC waste yarn, sl 9 sts just worked back to LH ndl and pick up MC, knit to end of rnd.

Work even for 44 rnds.

Shape mitten top

Place marker after every 11th st.

Dec rnd: [Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog] 6 times – 60 sts.

Knit 1 rnd.

Rep last 2 rnds 4 times more, changing to dpn when necessary.

Work Dec rnd only until 6 sts remain. Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts twice to close top.

THUMB

Remove CC waste yarn and place resulting sts on 3 dpn as follows: 9 sts nearest top of mitt on Ndl #1, 4 sts along opposite of opening on Ndl #2, and remaining 5 sts on Ndl #3. Pick up an extra sta at each end of opening to close any gaps – 20 sts.

Join MC and work even in St st for 20 rnds.

Shape thumb tip

Rnd 1: K2tog around – 10 sts

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 1 – 5 sts.

Cut yarn and draw through remaining sts twice.

FELTING

Place item in old pillowcase.

Place in washer set on Hot Wash with Cold Rinse. Add an old towel or 2, or a pair of jeans to increase agitation.

A couple of tennis balls also work well.

Checking often, run through cycle until desired amount of felting and size are achieved.

As washers, water temperature and other factors vary, you may need to cycle through more than once, or place in dryer to achieve desired effect.

The key to getting the results you want is to **check the piece often.**

Once the desired size is obtained, lay flat as it air dries.

EMBELLISH

Enlarge poinsettia diagram to 6" and trace onto tissue paper.

Pin tissue to back of mitten. With matching sewing thread, couch 1 continuous strand of Facets to outline. Use other long lengths for inner lines. A bit of waviness to the lines will make it look more like a flower and less like a star.

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