

Mitten Advent Calendar by Kathy Lewinski

This is the basic written pattern for all twenty-four mittens in the advent calendar. Follow it for shaping instructions and the charts for colorwork.

Supplies:

- fingering weight yarn in at least three colors. Check the charts for specific amounts for each mitten. (I used Knit Picks Palette in Pimento, White and Finnley Heather) You will need about 720 yards for the whole project.
- four size 1 double-pointed needles (or size needed to get gauge)
- stitch marker
- scrap fingering weight yarn
- tapestry needle

Gauge: 10 stitches and 12 rows per inch

Abbreviations:

k – knit

p – purl

m1 – make 1 stitch (direction doesn't matter)

m1r – make 1 right

m1l – make 1 left

ssk – slip, slip, knit

k2tog – knit two stitches together

Cuff:

With the main background color, cast on 46 stitches. Divide between three needles. Join to knit in the round being carefully not to twist stitches. Place a stitch marker between the last and first stitch to mark rows.

Row 1: k

Row 2: Pull both yarns to the front with the first color to work on top. . Purl into each stitch with its matching color, floating the other color over the working yarn.

Row 3: Purl into each stitch with its matching color, floating the other color under the working yarn

Row 4 – 12: k

Start Thumb Gusset:

Row 13: k23, m1, k23 (47 stitches) You may want to put a stitch marker on either side of the m1 to help mark where the thumb stitches are worked.

Row 14: k23, m1r, k1, m1l, k23 (49 stitches)

Row 15: k

Row 16: k23, m1r, k3, m1l, k23 (51 stitches)

Row 17: k

Row 18: k23, m1r, k5, m1l, k23 (53 stitches)

Row 19: k

Row 20: k23, m1r, k7, m1l, k23 (55 stitches)

Row 21: k

Row 22: k23, m1r, k9, m1l, k23 (57 stitches)

Row 23: k

Row 24: k23, m1r, k11, m1l, k23 (59 stitches)

Row 25: k

Row 26: k23, m1r, k13, m1l, k23 (61 stitches)

Row 27: k

Row 28: k23, m1r, k15, m1l, k23 (63 stitches)

Row 29: k23, put the next 17 stitches on a piece of scrap yarn, cast on one stitch, k23 (47 stitches on the needle, 17 on the scrap yarn)

Finish Hand:

Row 30: k22, k2tog, k23 (46 stitches)

Row 31 – 44: k

Row 45: ssk, k19, k2tog, ssk, k19, k2tog (42 stitches)

Row 46: k

Row 47: ssk, k17, k2tog, ssk, k17, k2tog (38 stitches)

Row 48: k

Row 49: ssk, k15, k2tog, ssk, k15, k2tog (34 stitches)

Row 50: k

Row 51: ssk, k13, k2tog, ssk, k13, k2tog (30 stitches)

Row 52: ssk, k11, k2tog, ssk, k11, k2tog (26 stitches)

Row 53: ssk, k9, k2tog, ssk, k9, k2tog (22 stitches)

Row 54: ssk, k7, k2tog, ssk, k7, k2tog (18 stitches)

Put the first 9 stitches on one needle and the second 9 on another. Cut the yarn leaving about a 12" tail. Seam top of the mitten with Kitchener stitch using the tail.

Thumb:

Put the 17 stitches on the scrap yarn on three needles. Pick up and knit two stitches from the hand of the mitten, place the stitch marker to mark rows after those two stitches.

Row 29: k17, k2tog (18 stitches)

Row 30 – 37: k

Row 38: ssk, k5, k2tog, ssk, k5, k2tog (14 stitches)

Row 39: ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog (10 stitches)

Row 40: ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog (6 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving about a 10" tail. Either seam the top the thumb shut using Kitchener stitch, which is what I did, or weave the tail through the stitches on the needles and pull tight to close. Weave in ends.

Hanging loop:

Knit a 3 stitch i-cord about 1 ½" long. Fold in half to form a loop and sew inside the cuff of the mitten opposite the thumb.

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