

# 12 Days of Christmas Mittens by Kathy Lewinski

This is the basic written pattern for all twelve mittens in the set. Follow it for shaping instructions and the charts for color work.

## Notes about the charts:

- Each mitten will have two chart options, one with a mirrored image on both sides of the mitten and one with a number on the back. I have also charted an optional number you can knit on the thumb. I have knit all the samples without numbers.
- The red squares on the chart can be knit in, done in duplicate stitch, worked with beads or embroidered with French knots. If you do French knots, add them after blocking the mitten.

## Supplies:

- fingering weight yarn in at least three colors. Each mitten takes about 3g/14yds of the dark yarn, 6g/28yds of the lighter yarn and a scrap amount of a third color for the berries. Twelve mittens should take about 36g/168yds of dark yarn, 72g/336yds of light yarn and 9g/41yds of a third color. I used Knit Picks Palette in Black, Finnley Heather and Pimento. Each chart will tell you how much you need for that mitten. These amounts are based on doing the mirrored version of the chart.
- four size 1 double-pointed needles (or size needed to get gauge) (or circulars if you do magic loop or the two circular method)
- 3 stitch markers
- 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: p

Row 2: k

Row 3: p

Row 4 – 11: k

## Start Thumb Gusset:

Row 12: k23, cast on once stitch using the backwards loop method, k23 (47 stitches) You may want to put a stitch marker on either side of the cast on stitch to help mark where the thumb stitches are worked.

Row 13: k23, knit into the back of the cast on stitch, k23

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.

### **Optional 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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