

The 1997 FIBER ARTS SHOW AND SALE "Mitten Tree"

WANTED! MITTENS, HATS AND SCARVES!

A request was made at the October meeting that the directions for the mittens which was published in the newsletter about two years ago be repeated.

These are easily made mittens. Make two the same.

Size doesn't matter as we need mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults.

These items will be given to the Monroe County United Ministries. MCUM distributes them to those in need during the cold winter months.

Even if you don't plan to participate in the Show and Sale please contribute to the "Mitten Tree." These items may be knitted, handwoven or crocheted.

The instructions are from "Columbia Minerva-- Teach Yourself to Knit the Easy Way."

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REVERSIBLE MITTENS MADE ON TWO NEEDLES Number 744-4

(Shown on page 19)

Infant's Size 1 to 3 and Child's Size 4 to 8
Directions are for Infant's Size 1 to 3. Child's Size 4 to 6 is in parentheses.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Columbia-Minerva Knitting Worsted (4 ounce skein)—
1 skein will make 2 pair

Knitting Needles: 1 pair "Boye" Size 8 and 1 blunt end tapestry needle

Gauge: 4½ stitches to 1 inch; 6 rows to 1 inch

MITTENS: (Make 2 the same). Starting at cuff edge, with Size 8 needles cast on 24 (24) stitches. Work in ribbing of knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches (see page 15) for 12 (12) rows. Knit across next row, increasing 4 stitches on Size 4 to 8 only. Purl 1 row. Next row start increases for thumb as follows: Knit 11 (13) stitches, place a marker on needle, increase 1 stitch in each of the next 2 stitches, place a marker on needle—4 stitches between markers, knit to end of row. Purl 1 row. Continue in stockinette stitch, increasing 1 stitch after first marker and in stitch before second marker on knit rows only until there are 10 (12) stitches between markers, knit to end of row. Next row purl 12 (14) and slip these stitches onto a stitch holder or large safety pin, purl next 8 (10) stitches of thumb, slip remaining 12 (14) stitches onto second stitch holder.

Working on thumb stitches only, work in stockinette stitch for 5 (7) more rows, increasing 1 stitch on first row of Size 1 to 3 only. Next row knit 2 together across row. Break yarn, leaving about 6 inches for finishing. Draw yarn through remaining stitches of thumb and fasten. Sew seam of thumb.

Attach yarn at beginning of second stitch holder on wrong side of work and purl to end of row. Next row knit across 12 (14) stitches, knit the 12 (14) stitches from first stitch holder—24 (28) stitches on needle. Continue in stockinette stitch for 12 (16) more rows (or desired length). Start decreases as follows:

Row 1—* Knit 2 stitches together, knit 2, repeat from * across row.

Row 2—Purl.

Row 3—* Knit 2 stitches together, knit 1, repeat from * across row.

Row 4—Purl 2 stitches together across row. Break yarn, leaving about 12 inches for finishing. Draw yarn through remaining stitches and fasten. Sew seam at side. Make other Mitten the same.