MITTEN ORNAMENT

CUFF: Cast on 23 stitches with size 3 needles.
Row 1: Purl 1, Knit 1 across
Row 2: Knit 1, Purl 1 across
Repeat these two rows four more times, then do Row 1 again.

BODY: Knit across row, increasing 5 stitches evenly. = 28 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit 13, place marker, increase twice, place marker (the thumb will be between these markers), Knit 13. = 30 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit, increasing at first stitch after marker and before last stitch before marker. = 32 sts
( ) Purl
( ) Knit, increase at beginning and end of markers. = 34 sts
( ) Purl

THUMB: Knit to marker, leave stitches on needle, add st to left needle, knit to last stitch before marker, add stitch, leave remaining stitches on needle. = 10 sts on middle needle. Now work on thumb only.
( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl
( ) Knit 2 tog, pull all stitches through with crochet hook and crochet thumb seam with right sides in.

HAND: Drop crochet loop and pull through space at base of thumb to count as picked up stitch which is put on left needle, knit across thumb, pick up stitch on left side of thumb, knit across rest of hand. = 28 sts
( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl
( ) Knit ( ) Purl ( ) Knit ( ) Purl, placing marker after stitch 14

SHAPING:

( ) K 2, sl 1 as if to knit, K 1, PSSO, knit to within 3 sts of marker, K 2 tog, K 2, sl 1 as if to knit, K 1, PSSA, knit across to last 4, K 2 tog. = 24 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit shaping row = 20 sts

( ) Purl

( ) Knit 2 tog across row = 10 sts

Use crochet hook to pull stitches through, and pull tightly, closing top. With right sides together, crochet mitten from tip to cuff. Tie off and cut yarn. Turn mitten right side out, leave extra yarn inside.

Since these are decorative mittens – and not worn – I take a lot of shortcuts I wouldn't take when knitting mittens to be worn. I normally knit mittens in the round, but the tiny mitten is easier to knit flat, and seam the thumb and outside edge. I crochet the seam simply because I can do them in a hurry and not have to cut / join yarn.

For **FOURTH OF JULY** mittens, cast on in red and do Rows 1 and 2 in red. Switch to blue, but don't cut the red yarn, and work two rows in pattern using blue yarn. Drop the blue yarn and pick up the red, but don't cut the blue yarn this time, and do two more rows in red. Do another blue stripe and another red stripe, so the cuff is RED / BLUE / RED / BLUE / RED. Switch to white for the body and thumb of the mitten.