# Mitten Holiday Ornament





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#### MATERIALS

One 315-Yard Skein of Caron Simply Soft worsted weight yarn, Autumn Red (or your preferred color)

each uses approximately 15.75 yards (0.3 ounces) per mitten (double yardage if making two ornaments)
\*Weight estimated with Caron Simply Soft yarn; other yarn weights may vary.

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No. 3/3.125 MM double point needles (DPNs) (or two sizes smaller than needles used to obtain gauge)

No. 5/3.75 MM double point needles (DPNs) (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Three stitch markers Small stitch holder Measuring tape Tapestry needle

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#### About this Pattern

This tiny mitten makes the perfect holiday ornament. You will craft it by knitting from the bottom up in a simple rib and stockinette pattern. Try this pattern with any of your leftover worsted weight yarn. It is adorable in variegated yarn colors. Try embellishing the hand of the mitten with embroidered patterns to make this tiny mitten even more exciting.



#### Gauge

20 stitches and 28 rows = 4 inches x 4 inches in stockinette stitch on No. 5/3.75 MM needles.

#### **Abbreviations**

k = knit

p = purl

\*\* = repeat the pattern between the asterisks

m1 = make 1 [Pick up the strand between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from front to back with the left needle and knit into the back of it.]

sl = slip stich as if to purl with yarn held in back

k2tog = knit two together

ssk = slip, slip, knit [Slip two stitches as if to knit. Insert left needle from left to right into the fronts of the two slipped stitches. Pull working yarn thru both stitches with right needle to knit together.]

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#### Instructions: Mitten Holiday Ornament

#### (Measures 4 inches top to bottom; 2 inches wide, without thumb)

Knit in the Round. Use stitch marker to keep track of the beginning/ends of your rows by placing it in the first stitch of each row/round. Make one or two, as desired.

[Using no. 3 DPNs] Row 1: Cast on 24 stitches. Divide onto 3 DPNs (8 on each DPN). Join (taking care not to twist stitches) and \*k, p\* x 12. (24 stitches)

Rows 2 – 9: \*k, p\* x 12. (24 stitches)

[Switch to no. 5 DPNs] Rows 10 – 12: k 24. (24 stitches)

Row 13: k 11. Place stitch marker on the 11<sup>th</sup> knit stich. m1. k 2. m1. k 1 and place marker on this stitch. k 10. (26 stitches)

Row 14: k 26. (26 stitches)

Row 15: k to marker. sl marker. m1. k to second marker. m1. sl second marker. k 10. (28 stitches)

Row 16: k 28. (28 stitches)

Row 17: k to marker. sl marker. m1. k to second marker. m1. sl second marker. k 10. (30 stitches)

Row 18: k 11. sl next 8 stitches onto stitch holder. k 11. {This will separate thumb stiches from hand stitches} (22 stitches on needles)

Rows 19 - 24: k 22. (22 stitches)

[Begin finger decreases] Row 25: k 1, ssk, k 5, k2tog, k 2, ssk, k 5, k2tog, k 1. (18 stitches)

Row 26: k 18. (18 stitches)

Row 27: k 1, ssk, k 3, k2tog, k 2, ssk, k 3, k2tog, k 1. (14 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a 12-inch tail. With tapestry needle, draw yarn tightly through remaining 14 stitches. Weave in end.



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#### Mitten Holiday Ornament Thumbs

[Using no. 5 DPNs] Thumb Row 1: Put 8 stitches from stitch holder onto three needles. k 8 in the round. (8 stitches)

Thumb Rows 2 – 4: k 8. (8 stitches)

Thumb Row 5: k2tog x 4. (4 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a 12-inch tail. With tapestry needle, draw yarn tightly through remaining 4 stitches. Weave in end.

Weave in remaining loose ends. [**Tip for the thumb base**] With the loose end remaining at the base of the thumb, use duplicate stitch to close the gap that remains where the thumb attaches to the hand.

Block if desired.

### **Optional Mitten Holiday Ornament Hanger**

Choose a pretty ribbon and tie it in a loop with a bow to the cuff of the mitten. Alternatively, using the same yarn or a contrasting color, you can use a size F/3.75 MM crochet hook to chain a 6-inch cord by following these instructions:

Ensuring you leave a 4-inch tail before your slip knot, chain 35. Cut yarn and pull through, leaving a 4-inch tail. Pull one end of the chain through an open knitted loop on your ornament sized mitten. Tie a bow using the two loose yarn tails of the chain.

