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Decrease

Your mitten decreases will happen at the beginning of the round and at the halfway mark. Depending on your method of knitting, this may be between your front and back needle of magic loop or, if working on four double points and knitting with your fifth, between your second and third needles. If you have a different configuration, place a marker at the beginning and middle to keep your decreases lined up.

Decrease round:

K1, SSK, K to 3 before marker (or halfway point) K2tog, K1. Slip marker or continue to next needle. K1, SSK, K to 3 before marker (or beginning of round) K2tog, K1.

You're now back at the beginning of round and have decreased four stitches. Repeat decrease round 7 (8, 9) times until 8 (10, 12) stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Thread tail on tapestry needle and run through remaining stitches. Tighten top of mitten and secure yarn inside.

Afterthought Thumb

With palm of mitten facing you and top of mitten pointing away, use your needle to pick up the right leg of the 5 (6, 7) stitches above the waste yarn on one double point or one end of your circular needle. Then, using another double point or the other end of your circular needle, pick up the 5 (6, 7) stitches below the waste yarn. Once your thumb stitches are secure, you can pick out the waste yarn and now you have 10 (12, 14) live stitches on your needles.

Starting at right edge or bottom thumb stitches and MC, knit across 5 (6, 7) stitches then pick up one stitch in the gap. Work across top 5 (6, 7) stitches of thumb and pick up one more stitch in final gap. Add marker for the beginning of round.

Work in the round across the 12 (14, 16) thumb stitches for 12 (15, 18) rounds. Decrease on next round by K2tog across round until 6 (7, 8) stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 6 inch tail. Thread tail on tapestry needle and run through remaining stitches. Tighten top of thumb and secure yarn inside. Turn mitten inside out and use tail to snug up any gaps you may have where the thumb meets the body of the mitten.

Wear your mittens proudly! Make them for all your friends!

