

Whittle S'mittens and Soropti-scarves to Warm Women and Girls in Vietnam

Knitted fingerless mittens:

Using size 9 needles and sports weight yarn, Leave a tail of yarn for 14 inches - Cast on 24 stitches

Make ribbing: Row 1 - 15: K2 - P2 - you should end with purl stitches

Body of the mittens: Row 16 - 27 (12 rows of body - Stockinette stitch (Knit 1 row and Purl the next)

Top of mittens: Row 28 -31 of ribbing just as the first 15 rows (K2 -P2)

Bind off all, and leave a tail for 12 inches before you cut off yarn.

Fold mitten right side in and mark with pin 3 inches from the bottom and 2 inches from top of mitten. Use the tail yarn to sew up 3 inches from the bottom and 2 inches top down. The opening is for thumb.

(Blanket stitch works well for this.)



Crocheted fingerless mittens:

Using size G hook and sports weight yarn, Chain 25.

Single crochet 4 (working in back of stitches), chain 3 (The opening is for the thumb.), single crochet as before to end of the row.

Single crochet next row (working in back of stitches) including single crochet in each of the 3 chains.

Yields 24 stitches across.

Continue in single crochet until you have 18 "ribbed" rows.

Finish off, leaving a length of yarn to stitch long ends together (Blanket stitch works well for this.)



Soropti-scarves

Using sport weight yarn and hook size "L" or smaller, chain 71 (or # required to make approximately a 27" long scarf). Single crochet in second chain from hook and each of the following chains. You will have one fewer single crochet stitches than the number of chains you started with. Single crochet 6 rows. On the 7th row, crochet 16 stitches (approximately 7" in from the end of the scarf). Chain 3, skip 3 single crochet, then single crochet in remaining crochet stitches. (Buttonhole formed). On the next row, crochet in all stitches including 3 chain stitches. Single crochet 6 rows; tie off. (Total = 13 crocheted rows plus the first chain row--making the scarf 3 to 4' wide.) To wear: wrap around neck; slip one end of scarf through the buttonhole and pull to snug.