DRAGONFLY MITTENS/ POMEGRANATE AND KNOT MITTENS

A knitting pattern

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Overly dramatic Smaller Daughter wears my mismatched mittens. Now a bigger kid, even at 8 she had very large hands and feet for her age. But the mittens were a bit large on her at that age. I'd call them kids' extra-large, or teen/small woman size

Materials

- Approximately 1.5 ounces total of lofty Shetland style sport weight yarn, with a native stockinette gauge of about 6 stitches per inch. (This will be knit down to a much tighter gauge to make a warmer mitten). Four colors were used:
 - Color A: About 50% of the total Navy blue
 - Color B: About 35% of the total Light green
 - Color C: About 10% of the total Cranberry
 - Color D: About 5% of the total Light blue.
- Size 3.25mm double pointed needles (Two circs or one-circ "magic loop" methods can be substituted).
 DPNs highly recommended for the thumb.
- Scrap of contrasting color yarn or string for thumb "place holder"

Gauge and Finished Dimensions

Approximately 8 stitches = 1 inch.

Mittens measure approximately 4" across the palm and 9" from tip to cuff

Instructions

Using the predominant color and a tubular cast-on, cast on 64 stitches. Work in two-color K1 P1 corrugated ribbing for 2 inches, using Color A for the purl columns and Color C for the knit stitches. Using Color A, knit one row and then purl one row. Using

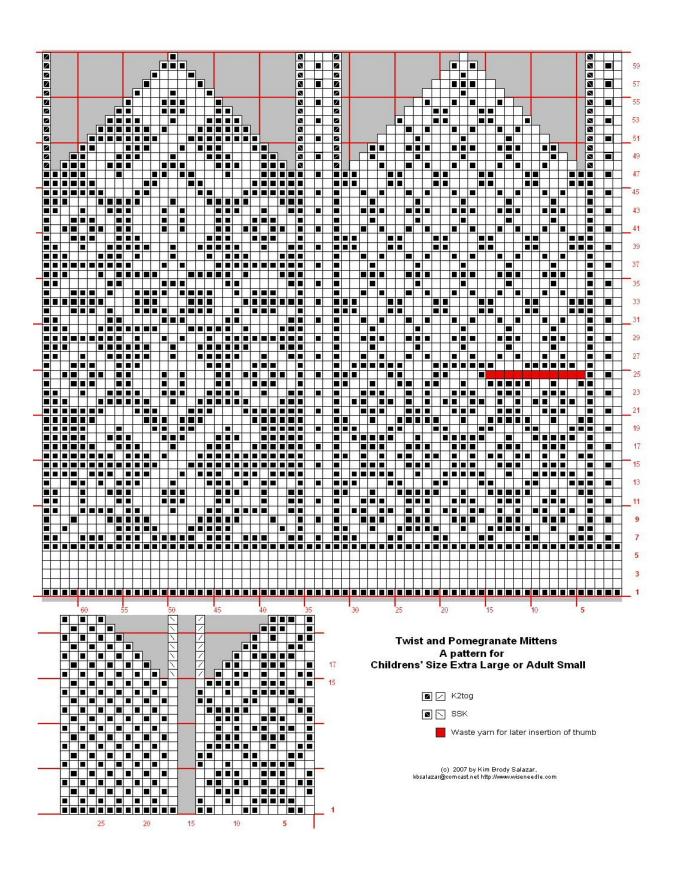
Color D, knit four rows. Using Color A, knit one row and then purl one row.

Using the chart of your choice (below) for stranded knitting, work as shown. The creative will note that given four different and interchangeable mitten sides, any combo thereof would make perfectly suitable mittens – all four as presented needn't be used. Regardless of the mitten graph chosen, introduce a small bit of waste yarn or string for the stitches indicated in red. Make sure that you mirror that placement for your left and right mittens, as shown in my charts. Alert: On the pomegranate and knot mitten chart, I call for decreases done in Color A. I've introduced a separate symbol for those decreases. It's noted on the chart. End off the mitten at the top by grafting together the last 8 stitches.

Thumb:

Returning to the waste varn introduced for the thumb, carefully remove it, slipping the live stitches above and below the newly formed slit onto DPNs. Using a third DPN start at the side of the thumb to the right of the newly created hole. Looking at the thumb chart for the visible side of the thumb (the one with the pattern that matches the palm), pick up one stitch in the right side of the newly created thumb slit. Do this in the color indicated for the first stitch of the thumb chart. Note that the thumb pattern should seamlessly integrate with the palm pattern, although each of these mittens does that in a different way. Work across row 1 of the visible side thumb chart. Switch to the inside-the-thumb chart (the one with single stitch checks), again starting with the first charted stitch, pick up one stitch in the side of the thumb slit prior to working across the rest of the thumb chart. Follow chart as shown, grafting the final stitches at the tip of the thumb. Darn in all ends.

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