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1. **Check the gauge.** The gauge for this pattern is 3.5 stitches per inch in garter stitch. I used Caron's One Pound Yarn in Sunflower (yellow) and Royalty (blue). It's a worsted weight acrylic and knits up soft. I used size 9 needles, and about 50 yards of each color for a size 7.5-inch hand.

2. **Measure your hand.** Using a tape measure or even a piece of yarn, measure around your palm above the thumb.

3. **Cast on:**

- 6.5-inch hand = 22 stitches
- 7-inch hand = 24 stitches
- 7.5-inch hand = 26 stitches
- 8-inch hand = 28 stitches
- 8.5 inch hand = 30 stitches

***Knitting Tip:*** Check the size as you knit. It's amazing how many times the knitting can vary once you actually cast on the rows. Although mittens are fairly forgiving, it's still easier to make adjustments early in the knitting rather than after the mitten is almost finished.

4. Knitting pattern:

Row 1: Slip first stitch as if to purl. Knit across rest of row. Turn.  
Repeat Row 1 for desired length from cuff to top of mitten.

You can change colors to add stripes if you wish. I changed colors on the wrong side after four rows of blue and two of yellow: [insert photo with caption: Close-up of stripe pattern in knitting instructions]

Slipping the first stitch as if to purl makes a slipped edge garter stitch, which I've explained further in my free video [knitting instructions](#).

5. **Bind off loosely** with your favorite method. Break yarn.

6. **Sew up the side seam, leaving an opening for the thumb.** (***Hint:*** Trying on the mitten after sewing up part of the seam helps you place the thumb opening, customizing its fit!)

7. **Weave in the yarn ends.**

