'My Baby' Toddler Mittens
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I designed these mittens to fit children with hands the same size as my son (he is two and a half), because it struck me one day that every child that goes cold or hungry is somebody's baby – no different, except for details of circumstance, than my baby. Since the day I had that realization, I haven't been able to shake it. I've started making mittens for these children - pairs and pairs of brightly colored mittens. What if it was my baby? How would I feel if it was *my* baby who had cold fingers and no way to warm them? For the time being, this is just one pattern, in only one size. It is my hope that I will be able to provide more, over time, but for now I hope that you and your baby – or whoever you are making them for - enjoy the mittens.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials
- ❖ About 1 oz (52 yds) Red Heart Super Saver, (7 oz/198 g per 364 yd/333m skein)
- ❖ G/6 hook (4.25 mm)
- ❖ Yarn Needle

Finished Size: One Size; finished palm measurement about 5 or 5.5"

Gauge: 14 sts x 15 rows of sc = 4"

Abbreviations
BLO = back loop only
ch = chain
dec = decrease
inc = increase
rnd(s) = round(s)
sc = single crochet
sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
US pattern conventions used.

Directions

Cuff:
Row 1: Ch 7; sc in 2nd ch from hook and each across. (6 sc)

Rows 2-14: Ch 1; working in BLO, sc across. (6 sc) Turn.

Row 15: Ch 1; (working in BLO of Row 14) sl st across into starting ch. (6 sl st)

Hand:
Rnd 1: Ch 1; sc in join. Evenly space 15 more sc around cuff (16 sc), join.

Rnd 2: Ch 1; sc in join. [Sc inc] 2 times, sc around, (18 sc) join.

Rnd 3: Ch 1; sc in join. Sc inc, sc 2, sc inc, sc around. (20 sc) Join.

Rnd 4: Ch 1; sc in join. [Sc inc] 2 times, sc 2, [sc inc] 2 times. Sc around, (24 sc) join.

Rnd 5: Ch 1; sc in join. Ch 2, sk 8 sts, sc in next st and each around. (18 sc) Join.

Rnd 6: Ch 1; sc in join. Sc in each ch and sc around. (18 sc) Join.

Rnds 7-11: Ch 1; sc in join. Sc around, (18 sc) join.

Rnd 12: Ch 1, [sc 4, sc dec] 3 times. (15 sc) Join.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, sc in join. Sc around (15 sc), Join.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, [sc 3, sc dec] 3 times. (12 sc) Join.

Rnd 15: Ch 1, sc in join. Sc around, (12 sc) join.

Finish off, leaving a tail of yarn several inches long. Sew end closed.

Thumb:
Rnd 1: Join in first st skipped (in Rnd 5 of Hand). Sc in same st and each across (8 sc). Make 2 sl st across gap/ch; (10 sts) join rnd.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st and each of the next 2 sc. Sc dec, sc 3, sc dec. (8 sc) Join.

Rnds 3-4: Ch 1, sc in join and each st around. (8 sc) Join.

Finish off, leaving a tail of yarn several inches long. Weave through sts of Rnd 4, pull tight to close. Weave in all ends.

Variations

For some fun variety, try working the thumb and the cuff in a contrasting color, or adding a stripe around the palm!