



Creative Caring Hearts

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February, 2014

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, February 8, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Park Vista Retirement Community
950 County Road QQ, Waupaca
For directions, call 715-258-2524

Next meetings:

Saturday, March 8

Saturday, April 12

Saturday, May 10

NEEDS

Sweaters.....Both boy and girl
Polar fleece blankets (boy print) for our Foster Care project. These are usually not baby print as the kids can be up to 10 years old. We have a lot of girl print polar fleece blankets but we have only one boy print one left after giving out this month. These blankets are not necessarily to be their primary blanket, but one that they can hold and cuddle with/under for comfort. Thanks so much!

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE...

Do you know anyone who needs premie-sized sweaters and hats? We no longer have an outlet for these items. I will see if Grain Train or one of the missions can use them, but please let me know if you know of somewhere else. Thanks!

STRAIGHT NEEDLE MITTENS

Several of you asked how to make mittens using straight needles. Here goes with a pattern I found on Internet:

Knitting Pattern for Mittens-- an average size woman's hand . Size #7 14" straight needles at a gauge of 5 stitches per inch. About 200 yards
Cuff: Cast on 36 stitches
Row 1: Knit 1, Purl 1 across all stitches
Row 2: Purl 1, knit 1 across all stitches
Repeat these two rows (knit 1, purl 1 ribbing) until cuff measures 4 inches.



Hand:

Row 1: Knit 2, knit in front and back of next stitch (increase made), knit 30 stitches, knit in front and back of next stitch, knit to end of row (or any increase you prefer)

Row 2: Purl all stitches

Row 3: Knit all stitches

Row 4: Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until hand measures 2 ½ inches from cuff, ending with a purl row

Thumb Gusset

Row 1: Knit 18, place marker, knit front and back of each of next two stitches, place another marker, knit to end
Row 2: Purl all stitches
Row 3: Knit to marker, slip marker, knit front and back into next stitch, knit to stitch before next marker, knit front and back of next stitch, slip marker, knit to end of row

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until 14 stitches between markers, ending on row 2 .

Divide for Thumb

Row 1: Knit 18, drop marker, knit 14 (this will be thumb) and place on holder, knit 18

Row 2: Knit all stitches

Row 3: Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until work measures 7 inches from cuff, ending with row 3.

Note: There are only five rows left, so make sure the mittens are long enough for your hands.

Decrease for Top

Row 1: Knit two, knit 2 together, repeat this stitch pattern across row

Row 2: Purl all stitches

Row 3: Knit one, Knit 2 together, repeat this across row

Row 4: Purl all stitches

Row 5: Knit 2 together across row

Leaving a long tail, cut yarn and thread onto tapestry needle. Run yarn through live stitches, slip stitches off needle and pull tight. You will use the remaining yarn for sewing.

Completing the Thumb

Slip stitches from holder to complete thumb.

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Purl all stitches

January 2014 TOTALS

Donations given to:

Healthy Beginnings.....318

Riverside Hospital.....121

St. Michael's Hospital..... 90

TOTAL 561

Donations In.....491

Volunteer Hours.....585

Layette bags given out in January:
6 boys + 10 girls

Running total of layettes this year:
6 boys + 10 girls= 16 layettes

Running total of Miracle Tree mittens: 3 pairs

RENI'S HAT CORNER

Even with this snowy and cold weather, it is hard to believe that Valentine's Day is just around the corner! But, the Feb. babies will have their Valentine hats with little red and white hearts on them. This year we had quite a few extra hats on hand which we wanted to use up, so some of them are different colors other than red. However they all are decorated with hearts for all the cute Feb. babies! Now we are getting ready to sew the green St. Pat's Day hats.

Mittens Continued

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until row is 2 ¼ inches long (or your thumb length); ending with purl row.
Final row: Knit 2 together across row. Cut yarn leaving a long tail and thread onto tapestry needle. Run yarn through live stitches, remove knitting needle and pull stitches taught.

Finishing

Fold mittens in half, matching sides. Using tapestry needle and tail yarn, seam up sides. Make another mitten and enjoy warm hands.