**Top-Down Crochet Mittens**

**(Crocheted in the Round)**

Materials, Worsted Yarn, Size G Crochet Hook

Round 1 – make the magic ring. Work 8 extended single crochet (XSC) into the loop

Mark your starting stitch with a stitch marker

Round 2 – 2x XSC in each stitch (total of 16)

Round 3 – 1x XSC in 1st stitch; 2x XTC in 2nd stitch; continue around (24 stitches total)

Round 4-18 – 1x XSC in each stitch (24 total)

Round 19 – make the thumb hole: at your stitch marker, chain 7, skip 3 stitches, XSC in 4th stitch, continue around

Round 20 – do XSC in back loop of chain, continue around with XSC

Round 21-23 – continue XSC

Round 24 – starts the decrease: work 5 XSC, insert into front loop of stitch 6 and 7 and do one XSC from that; finish row

Round 25 – XSC for 4; decrease (insert into front loop of 5 and 6); finish the round

Round 26-27 – regular XSC

Round 28 – ribbed cuff will be worked perpendicular to mitten

* Chain 11
* XSC in 3rd stitch from the hook; should have 9 XSC
* Slip stitch into body of mitten
* Slip stitch into next stitch up, to turn. (Don’t count the slip stitches!)
* XSC in back loop only
* Chain 1 and turn
* Repeat: Work 9 XSC back to the body, slip stitch 2, 9 XSC out, chain 1
* Slip stitch (or yarn needle) to join edges of the cuff

Thumb –

* Join yarn at the corner, chain 1, XSC in the same space
* XSC around the thumb (all the way around) for 8 continuous rounds
* Decrease 12 down to 6 stitches (use earlier technique for decreases)
* Yarn needle through each stitch to pull top of thumb tight

Flip inside out, weave in all ends