

## Mittens No. 2561

(Shown on Page 17)

Sizes 2 and 4

Instructions are for size 2, changes for size 4 are in parentheses.

MATERIALS - Bear Brand De Luxe Knitting Worsted, 2 ozs.

"Boye" Non-Inflammable Needles, 1 pair Size 4 — OR SIZE YOU REQUIRE TO KNIT TO GAUGE GIVEN BELOW.

GAUGE: 6 sts = 1 inch

8 rows = 1 inch

To check gauge, see page 2.

LEFT MITTEN—Cuff—Cast on 30 (34) sts. Work k 1, p 1 ribbing for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

**Hand** — Work stockinette st — k 1 row, p 1 row—for 8 (10) rows.

Dividing row—K 10 (11) sts, place on holder for palm; k next 5 (6) sts for thumb; place remaining 15 (17) sts on holder for back of hand.

Thumb—Cast on 5 (6) sts, turn, p 5 (6) cast-on sts and 5 (6) thumb sts. K 1 row, p 1 row for 8 (12) rows. K 2 tog. 5 (6) times. P 1 row. Break off leaving an end. Draw end tightly through all sts, sew side seam.

Take up sts of palm, join yarn in last st, pick up and k 5 (6) sts on cast-on sts, take up and k sts of back of hand; 30 (34) sts. Work until 3  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  ins. above cuff, end with p row, decreasing 2 sts in last row.

First dec. row—\* K 2, k 2 tog.; repeat from \* to end; 21 (24) sts. P 1 row.

2nd dec. row—\* K 1, k 2 tog.; repeat from \* to end; 14 (16) sts. P 1 row.

3rd dec. row—K 2 tog. 7 (8) times in succession. Finish as for thumb.

Sew side seam.

RIGHT MITTEN-Work cuff and hand

same as left mitten to dividing row.

Dividing row—K 15 (17) sts, place on holder for back of hand; drop yarn; with 2nd strand of yarn cast on 5 (6) sts on left needle and k these 5 (6) sts and next 5 (6) sts. Place remaining 10 (11) sts on holder for palm.

Thumb — Finish thumb on these 10 (12) sts to correspond to left mitten. Take up sts of back of hand, with dropped yarn, from right side, pick up and k 5 (6) sts on the 5 (6) caston sts for thumb, take up and k sts of palm; 30 (34) sts. Finish as for left mitten, Steam, see page 55.

## BLOCKING OR STEAMING

To give a more tailored finish to knitted or crocheted garments it is preferable to block each piece separately. Care should be taken to block pieces to knitted shape. If the garment is sewn together first and blocked carefully after assembling, the result will also be satisfactory.

TO BLOCK SEPARATE PIECES—Lay pieces flat on pressing board, wrong side up, pin edges to board. Steam well with moderately hot iron over a wet cloth, taking care not to let weight of iron rest upon any one spot. After blocking leave pinned until thoroughly dry. Do not steam ribbing.

TO BLOCK FINISHED GARMENT—Lay flat on pressing board, wrong side out. Steam first one side and when dry, steam other side.

After blocking leave pinned until thoroughly dry, then steam all seams and crocheted edges. Do not steam ribbing.

