Fingerless Mitts

Materials:
Size US#8 needles, either 16" circular or double points
Worsted weight (#4) acrylic yarn, 1.2oz (70 yards) used for size M
Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
Stitch marker (optional)

Gauge:
17 stitches/23 rows in stockinette stitch on the ball band

Abbreviations:
k   knit
p   purl
rnd   round
rep   repeat
st(s)   stitch(es)

Size(s)
Pattern is written for 5 sizes (xs, s, m, l, xl). Directions are shown for the first size (xs) with instructions for other sizes in parenthesis following this. The sample is size m.
It is recommended that you circle the numbers needed for your project before commencing to knit.

Pattern:
Loosely cast on 28 (32, 36, 40, 44) sts using the long tail cast on. If you are not familiar with the long tail cast on, purl one row before commencing to rib pattern. If using double points, divide onto 3 needles. Join, being careful not to twist the sts. Place marker if you feel you need one. The cast on edge is the wrist end of the mitt.
Work in k2-p2 ribbing [*(k2-p2); repeat from * around] until total length is 2.5" (3", 3.5", 4" 4.25"), ending at the beginning of the round. **STOP** and read note below before continuing.

Note:
Left hand mitt works exactly as below. For right hand mitt, work an additional 2 sts. This puts the purl stitches of both mitts on the underside of the thumb. Turn your work. You will now work back and forth in rows for a while. Be sure to pull the first stitch tight for a couple of rows when you make this change.

Continue working in 2X2 rib, knitting the k sts and purling the p sts as they face you, for 1" (1.25", 1.5", 1.5", 1.75") before you rejoin your stitches to resume working in the round. **STOP, do not turn your work.**

Continue without turning your work to resume working in the round. When making the right hand mitt, return the two stitches you moved before you began the thumb hole to their original place and continue in 2X2 rib for an additional 1.5" (1.75", 2", 2.25", 2.25").

Purl one row and cast off purl wise. Weave in ends.