

Lots More Mittens

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To be honest, I haven't felt like doing all that much lately, I suppose in part because it's February, that dreary month, and because we're in the midst of a polar vortex that's making it **very** cold outside. However, I have managed to stir myself enough to get a start on next year's Christmas bounty.



For the past week or so I've been sewing on average a pair of fleece mittens each day. Here you can see several pairs in progress at my Singer 201K.

All of my mitts are made from two layers of fleece, so they're toasty warm. Though the fleece is stretchy, I've been sewing them on a straight-stitch machine, using a small stitch length. I prefer this over a zigzag stitch -- there's less bulk in the seam that way.



I managed to find some patterned fleece and am rather partial to the plaids, though I've made some plain pairs as well, for a couple of the guys on my list who don't like splashy colours or patterns.

I've been making these mittens for a while now, but the excitement over Bernie's celebrated mitts has made homemade mittens a good choice for nearly everyone's Christmas parcel next year.





People have been making this style of mitts from a host of fabrics, including recycled sweaters, like the pair Bernie made famous, and lining them with warm fleece.

I haven't tried the sweater version yet, but I have made a few from a combination of printed sweatshirt fabric and fleece, which turned out well. I've even seen some on line that were made from faux leather.



DH really liked the personalized mittens he received for Christmas, and has already asked for some additional pairs. And my friend's pair was such a hit that I've promised to make some for her hubby's birthday, coming up in March.

Looks as though I'll be stitching mittens for a while yet.