

Mini Mitts ala crochet

micro preemie, small preemie, medium preemie

needed:

- ♥ crochet hook - US 2 (steel)
or size necessary to achieve gauge
- ♥ 30 yds fingering weight yarn
gauge: 14 str = 2" in stockinette
- ♥ 24 inches $1/4$ " - $3/16$ " wide ribbon for cuff

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

bl: back loop
ch: chain
rnd(s): round(s)
sc: single crochet
sk: skip
sl st: slip stitch
st(s): stitch(es)

sc2tog: draw up a loop in the next st. 2 loops on hook. draw up a loop in the following st and pull it through both loops on hook.

yarn used in picture: bernat baby

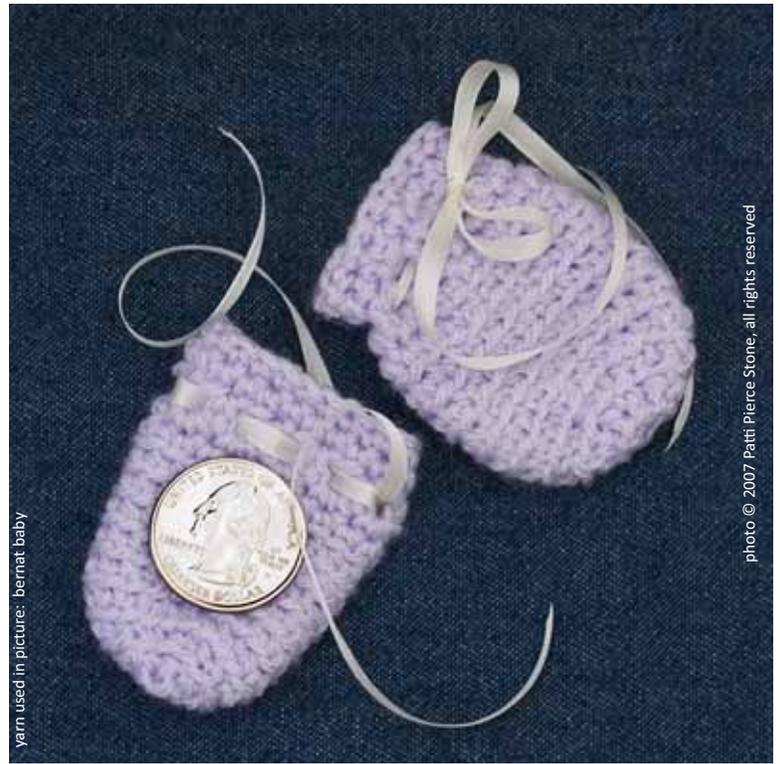


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instructions

cuff:

ch 20 (24, 28) st. join with sl st to form a circle. turn ch so back side (bumps) are facing.

- ♥ ch 1. sc in the bump of each ch around. sl st in top of first sc to join.
- ♥ ch 1. sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in top of 1st sc to join.
- ♥ ch 3. *sk 1 st, sc in following st. ch 2. repeat from * around. sl st in 1st ch to join. 10 (12, 14) ch-spaces
- ♥ sl st into ch-2 sp. ch 1, *2 sc in next sp. repeat from * around. sl st in top of 1st sc to join. 20 (24, 28 sts)
- ♥ ch 1. sc in same and in each st around. sl st in top of 1st sc to join.

hand:

do not ch-1 at the beg of this, or the remaining rnds. the rest of the mitt is worked in a spiral. place a marker to identify the beginning of the rnd.

- ♥ bl sc in each st around.

continue in spiral fashion until the mitt is 1", $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from ch-loop rnd, or until desired length less $1/2$ " for decreases.

decreases:

- ♥ *bl sc in next st, bl sc2tog over next 2 sts. repeat from * around.
- repeat this step the rnd contains 8 sts.

finishing:

- ♥ cut 6" tail and thread through remaining back loops twice.
 - ♥ pull tight. take through inside and secure. Clip.
 - ♥ weave in all ends.
- weave a 12" length of ribbon through eyelets in cuff. at end, cross one end over the other so there is a bar across the crossing of the ribbon.

designer notes:

- ♥ crochet fabric is too stiff to allow for a ribbed cuff, so ribbon is used to snug the cuff to the baby's wrist. silk embroidery ribbon is perfect for this use -- soft, flexible, and strong.
- ♥ sc crochet is used so tiny fingers don't work their way in the spaces between taller sts
- ♥ for perspective, the coin on the mitt in the photo is a quarter and the mitt is the smallest size.

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