

Basic Crocheted Mittens

sizes: 2/3 yrs (circ. 5.5"/14cm), 4/5 yrs (circ. 6"/15.25 cm),
6/7 yrs (circ. 6.5"/16.5cm), 8 yrs/wm sm (circ. 7"/17.75cm)

materials & gauge:

approx 70 gm/150 yds worsted weight yarn
(shown in Cascade 220 - band info: 4.5st/US 8 or 5st/US 7
needles)

if using 2 colors, approx 70 yds of second color

hook: 4.25mm (US G) or size necessary to achieve gauge

gauge: 19 st/17.5 r = 4"/10 cm in sc



abbreviations:

mc: main color

cc: contrasting color

bl: back loop

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

decr: decrease

incr: increase

sl st: slip stitch

RS: right side

st(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

note: because the decreases on this mitten are evenly distributed around the mitten, the pattern works for either the right or left hand ... just "roll" the palm so that the thumb appears in the proper spot when putting them on.

cuff (worked flat)

for one color mittens, leave a 12" tail for joining.

ch 8/9/10/11 (1½"(1¾", 2", 2¼"):(3.8cm, 4.5cm, 5.1cm, 5.7cm) + 1 ch, sc in bl of 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. ch-1, turn. (7 st)

sc in bl of first st and each st across. ch-1, turn. repeat until 19/23/27/31 rows have been worked and cuff is 5", 5½", 6", 6½" :12.7cm, 14 cm, 15.2cm, 16.5 cm in length.

using a whip stitch and the cast on tail, join the two short ends to form a ring.

lower hand and thumb opening

attach yarn, if using a contrasting color, to the edge of the ring. sc in the side of each row around. join.

ch-1, sc in same st. *work 3/4/5/6 sc, inc in next sc. repeat from * around. 23/27/31/35 st

do not join. remainder of mitten will be worked in spiral fashion. for a more defined spiral line, work the st in the back loop (this stitch pattern looks great from the wrong side too!). place a marker to identify the beginning of the round.

work until piece measures 1¼"(1½", 1¾", 2") : (3.2cm, 3.8cm, 4.5cm, 5.1 cm) from ribbing

thumb opening

at beginning of round, work 2 sc, ch 3,4,4,5, skip 2,3,3,4 st and sc in next st. sc to end of round. (24/28/32/36 st)

upper hand

continue working in spiral fashion until the mitten is 2½"(3¼", 4", 4½") : (6.4cm/8.3cm/10.2cm/11.5cm) from thumb opening, or 1¼"(1½", 1¾", 2") : (3.2cm, 3.8cm, 4.5cm, 5.1 cm) less than desired length.

decreases

if working in cc, sl st twice before attaching new color

- *4/5/6/7 sc, decr 1. repeat from * around. (20/24/28/32 st) swork one round even
- *3/4/5/6 sc, decr 1. repeat from * around (16/20/24/28 st)
- work one round even.

begin decreasing every round until 8 st remain.

clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail. thread tail into a tapestry needle and gather each st around. draw tightly to close and tie off securely. weave in ends.

thumb and finishing

join yarn. sc in each sc and in each ch around, plus one in each "corner". (7/9/9/11 st). do not join, but work in a spiral.

sc in each st around until thumb measures 1½"(1¾", 2", 2¼"):(3.8cm, 4.5cm, 5.1cm, 5.75cm) above hand or ¼" (1 cm) less than desired length.

decr around.

clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail. thread tail into a tapestry needle and gather each st around. draw tightly to close and tie off securely. weave in ends.