Warm baby mittens with thumbs

12 to 18 months, palm 4½ in (11.5 cm) round · US terms



Finished size

About 5 in (12.5 cm) round (20 stitches); the hand is 4¼ in (11 cm) long (rounds 8 to 25 of the hand) from the wrist to the tip and the cuff 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep (rounds 1 to 7 of the hand). The cord is 26 in (66 cm) long (104 stitches)

To fit a palm of 4½ in (11.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: duck egg, the hands and the thumbs **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the cuffs, the snowballs and the cord **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Palm	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
6 to 12 months	4 in (10 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm) round, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long	about 80 yd (73 m)
12 to 18 months (this file)	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**5 in (12.5 cm) round, 4¼ in (11 cm) long**	**about 100 yd (91 m)**
18 to 24 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) round, 4½ in (11.5 cm) long	about 110 yd (101 m)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In the ribbing: about 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). When Round 16 is done, above the thumb, lay the piece flat and measure across it: about 2½ in (6.5 cm).

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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

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ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

[ ] 10 times: 10 times in all. (10 FPdc, 10 BPdc): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

FPdc (Front post double crochet (UK raised treble at the front)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked.

BPdc (Back post double crochet (UK raised treble at the back)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked.

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the st, yarn over and draw up a loop about 3/8 in (1 cm) long] 4 times in the same st, yarn over and draw through all 9 loops on the hook. It counts as 1 st; in the next round, work into its top.

Hand: make 2, one for each hand

☐ **Start**	With B, make a slip knot and ch 20, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Cuff

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(10 FPdc, 10 BPdc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 7**	Repeat round 2. (10 FPdc, 10 BPdc)	

3 4 5 6 7

Hand and thumb gusset

From here the piece is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined and not turned, the first stitch of Round 8 goes into the stitch that holds the sl st, and each later round begins in the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch and move it up every round.

☐ **Round 8**	With A, sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(24 sc)

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☐ **Round 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(24 sc)

The first 6 stitches of the round are the thumb gusset. The next round passes them by, leaves them for the thumb, and skips one more stitch after them.

☐ **Round 13**	Ch 2, sk next 6 sts, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(1 ch-2 sp, 18 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Sc in next 2 chs, **[**sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 9 times**	(20 sc)

Snowballs

☐ **Round 15**	With B, **[**hdc in next st, puff in next st**] 10 times**	(10 hdc, 10 puffs)

Hand

☐ **Round 16**	With A, sc in each st around	(20 sc)

The rounds now begin with a skipped stitch: put the marker in the first of the 2 sc that follow it. In the next round that is the stitch that is skipped first.

☐ **Round 17**	**[**Sk next st, 2 sc in next st**] 10 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 20**	Repeat round 17. (20 sc)	

18 19 20

Top

☐ **Round 21**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread it through the 8 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten the tail inside.	

Thumb: make 2, one for each hand

Yarn A, duck egg.

☐ **Start**	Hold the hand with the top up and the right side facing: join A with a sl st in the first of 8 places, beginning with the first of the 6 gusset stitches: 6 stitches of the hand, then 2 chains of the hand. Leave a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the join. The 6 stitches are the ones that were passed by; the 2 chains are worked into along their free edge.	

The thumb is worked in a spiral: it is not joined and not turned, and the first stitch of each round goes into the first stitch of the round before.

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 2 chs	(8 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)

2 3 4 5 6

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☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc2tog**] 4 times**	(4 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Thread it through the 4 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten the tail inside.	

Cord

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 105, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each ch across	(104 sl sts)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Both tails are now at one end of the cord. If the cord is not about 26 in (66 cm) long, work it again with more or fewer chains.	

Finishing

- Cord: each end is sewn to the inside of a cuff, on the side away from the thumb: to the foundation ch below stitch 11 of Round 1, counted from the join in the direction the round was worked, the first dc being stitch 1. Lay the last 2 stitches of the cord on the inside of the cuff above that ch. Sew the end that has the tails with one of them, going through both 6 times, and weave the other in along the cord. Sew the other end in the same way with a separate piece of B 12 in (30.5 cm) long. The cord must not be twisted.
- The two mittens are alike, left and right. If there is a small gap where the thumb joins the hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Notes

- Measure round the palm just above the thumb, without the thumb, and take the size with that palm; the mitten is about ½ in (1.5 cm) larger round, because the fabric is thick. Compare also the length of the hand, from the wrist to the tip of the longest finger, with the length given with the size. Where a measure lies on the line between two sizes, or between two of them, take the larger.
- The pattern makes a pair and a cord for it. Work one hand and its thumb, then the second in the same way.
- In a joined round that is not turned, the ch 1 or ch 2 at its start is not a stitch: the first stitch goes into the chain or the stitch that ch stands on (a post stitch goes round its post), and the sl st that closes the round goes into the top of that first stitch.
- The right side faces you in every round of the hand and the thumb.
- Alternate stitch: in each "sk next st, 2 sc in next st" the 2 sc go into the second stitch of a pair of the round before, so that the pairs lean a little and close up the fabric; after a plain round they go into every second stitch. Nothing is worked into a skipped stitch. The alternate stitch has the same gauge as single crochet.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. After a joined round, draw the new color through with the sl st that closes it. Cut B after the cuff and again after the snowballs, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) each time; A waits on the inside for that one round and is not cut.
- The cord lies inside the sleeves and behind the back of a coat, never round the neck. Leave it off for sleep, in a car seat and wherever nobody is watching; the mittens are whole without it.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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