Hedgehog mittens

Women's medium, palm 7½ in (19 cm) round · US terms



Finished size

About 7½ in (19 cm) round (30 stitches); the hand is 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long (rounds 7 to 39 of the right hand) and the cuff 2¼ in (5.5 cm) deep (rounds 1 to 6 of the right hand)

To fit a palm of 7½ in (19 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

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

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: chestnut, the spines	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, the palms, the faces, the thumbs and the ears	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the noses and the eyes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss, the cuffs	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

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

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.

Sizes

Size	Palm	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	6 in (15 cm)	6 in (15 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) long	about 140 yd (128 m)
Women's small	7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) long	about 205 yd (187 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm) round, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Women's large	8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm) round, 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long	about 245 yd (224 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip

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. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next round.

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. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next round.

straight stitch: Bring the needle up in one place and take it down in another: one straight line of yarn on the surface.

lpst: Loop stitch, a single crochet (UK double crochet) with a loop on the side away from you: insert the hook in the st; hold the yarn behind the work over one finger, so that a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long lies round the finger; catch both strands of this loop close to the st and draw them through the st (3 loops on the hook); take the finger out; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops. It counts as 1 st, and the next round is worked into its top as into an sc.

Gauge

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

When Rnd 9 of the right hand is done, lay the piece flat and measure across it: about 3¾ in (9.5 cm).

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.

Before you start

- Measure round the palm just above the thumb, without the thumb, and choose the size nearest to it. Measure also from the wrist to the tip of the longest finger, to compare with the length of the hand given with the size.
- The pattern makes a pair, one right and one left; they differ in the side of the spines. It is worked from the cuff to the nose.
- 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.

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- In the hand the rounds are turned: each round is closed with a sl st in its first stitch, then comes the ch 1 and the turn, and the next round goes back the other way. The ch 1 is not a stitch. After the turn, the first stitch of the round goes into the last stitch of the round before, the one beside the sl st, and the last stitch into its first one; the sl st is not worked into. RS rounds are worked with the outside of the piece toward you, WS rounds with the inside toward you.
- 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.
- Each half of the round has a ball of its own and no yarn is carried behind the other half: at the line where the colors meet, work the last stitch of the first color until its last loops are on the hook, draw the other color through them, and leave the first color hanging on the inside of the piece, where the next round comes back to it. If the new color comes from the last round, take it up from beneath the one just left, so that the two lie round each other and no hole forms.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

Instructions

Chosen: Women's medium, palm 7½ in (19 cm) round. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Right hand

Yarns in order of use: D, moss; B, oatmeal; A, chestnut; C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 30, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Cuff

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(30 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 15 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(15 FPdc, 15 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Repeat rnd 2. (15 FPdc, 15 BPdc)	

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

Hand with spines

Rnd 7 is worked without a turn; the rounds after it are turned. Each round has the 15 stitches of the back in A and the 15 stitches of the palm in B, with a ball for each. In this hand a RS round begins with the back and a WS round with the palm.

☐ **Rnd 7 (RS)**	With A, ch 1, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with A, lpst in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(15 sc, 15 lpsts)**
☐ **Rnd 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Repeat rnds 8 and 9 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 8, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 9.	

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

The next round leaves the opening for the thumb in the palm, one stitch away from the back of the hand.

☐ **Rnd 14 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, ch 5, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st, with A, lpst in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 1 ch-5 sp, 15 lpsts)**

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☐ **Rnd 15 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next st, sc in next 5 chs, sc in next 9 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with A, lpst in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(15 sc, 15 lpsts)**
☐ **Rnd 17 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 26**	Repeat rnds 16 and 17 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 16, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 17.	

A box for each round, 18 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

Face

Cut A and B, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm), and draw a new end of B through with the sl st that closes Rnd 26.

☐ **Rnd 27 (RS)**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**

From here the right side faces you and the rounds are a spiral: the next sc goes into the stitch that holds the sl st, and each later round begins in the first stitch of the round before. Move a marker up with the first stitch of each round.

☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

Nose

☐ **Rnd 37**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread it through the 6 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten inside.	

Left hand

Yarns in order of use: D, moss; A, chestnut; B, oatmeal; C, black.

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Cuff

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(30 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 15 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(15 FPdc, 15 BPdc)**

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☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Repeat rnd 2. (15 FPdc, 15 BPdc)	

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3 4 5 6

Hand with spines

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☐ **Rnd 8 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, lpst in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first lpst to join	**(15 lpsts, 15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Repeat rnds 8 and 9 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 8, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 9.	

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13

The next round leaves the opening for the thumb in the palm, one stitch away from the back of the hand.

☐ **Rnd 14 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, lpst in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 9 sts, sl st in first lpst to join	**(15 lpsts, 10 sc, 1 ch-5 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 15 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, sc in next 5 chs, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, lpst in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first lpst to join	**(15 lpsts, 15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 26**	Repeat rnds 16 and 17 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 16, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 17.	

A box for each round, 18 to 26: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Face

Cut A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

☐ **Rnd 27 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**

From here the right side faces you and the rounds are a spiral: the next sc goes into the stitch that holds the sl st, and each later round begins in the first stitch of the round before. Move a marker up with the first stitch of each round.

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☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
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☐ **Rnd 32**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

Nose

☐ **Rnd 37**	With C, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Thread it through the 6 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten inside.	

Right thumb

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the piece with the fingers up and the right side facing: join B with a sl st in the first of 10 places, which lie round the opening, beginning at the right end of its lower edge: 5 stitches of the right hand, then 5 chains of the right hand. Leave a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm).	

The 5 stitches are those that were skipped; the 5 chains are worked into along their free edge. The thumb is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined, and each begins in the first stitch of the round before; put a marker in the first stitch of each.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 chs	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Thread it through the 5 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten inside.	

Left thumb

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the piece with the fingers up and the right side facing: join B with a sl st in the first of 10 places, which lie round the opening, beginning at the right end of its lower edge: 5 stitches of the left hand, then 5 chains of the left hand. Leave a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm).	

The 5 stitches are those that were skipped; the 5 chains are worked into along their free edge. The thumb is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined, and each begins in the first stitch of the round before; put a marker in the first stitch of each.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 4 sts, sc in next 5 chs	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Thread it through the 5 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten inside.	

Ear: make 4

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	

The ear is worked in a spiral, with the right side facing.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

Finishing

- Eyes: with C, work each eye as 6 straight stitches close side by side, from the lower to the upper edge of one stitch of Rnd 31, which has 11 stitches in the upper layer: one eye on stitch 3, the other on stitch 9. With B, work one very short straight stitch on each eye for a point of light.
- Ears: each ear stands up where the face meets the spines, with its right side toward the nose. Sew 4 stitches of its last round to 4 stitches of Rnd 27, the first round of the face, one to one: one ear on stitches 2 to 5, the other on stitches 11 to 14 of the 15.
- If there is a small gap where a thumb joins a hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Lay each mitten flat with the spines up and the nose toward you. Count the stitches of the upper layer from right to left, beginning at the right side fold; in the face the folds run through the decreases. Go through this layer only.
- Brush the loops toward the cuff with your fingers; they are not cut. Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces.

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