# Kids' bear flip top mittens

Child, 5 to 7 years, palm 6 in (15 cm) round · US terms



Finished size

**About 6 in (15 cm) round the palm, with a cuff of 2½ in (6.5 cm) and a hand of 3½ in (9 cm). The flap is 3 in (7.5 cm) long (14 rounds of the flap) and 6½ in (16.5 cm) round (26 stitches). With the flap closed, the hand is about 5½ in (14 cm) from the top of the cuff to the tip**

To fit a palm of 6 in (15 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 (UK double crochet).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: chestnut, the hands, the flaps and the ears | **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: camel, the muzzles, the inner ears and the buttons | **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: barn red, the cuffs, the edges and the loops | **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: black, the eyes, the nose and the mouth | **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 90 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, pins and scissors.

## Sizes

| Size | Palm | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Toddler, 2 to 4 years** | 5½ in (14 cm) | 5½ in (14 cm) round, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) | about 150 yd (137 m) |
| **Child, 5 to 7 years (this file)** | **6 in (15 cm)** | **6 in (15 cm) round, 2½ in (6.5 cm)** | **about 180 yd (165 m)** |
| **Child, 8 to 10 years** | 6½ in (16.5 cm) | 6½ in (16.5 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) | about 210 yd (192 m) |


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## Gauge

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

After Round 10, when there are 24 stitches, the piece is about 6 in (15 cm) round.

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

Child, 5 to 7 years, palm 6 in (15 cm) round. US terms.

**ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 20 sts: one in each.
The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first FPdc goes **where the slip stitch went**. **Working in the round**
[ ] 12 times: 12 times in all. (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc): the round now has that many; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
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.

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

### Mitten: make 2

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| ☐ **Start** | With C, ch 24, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring. | |

#### Cuff

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| ☐ **Round 1** | Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join | (24 dc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join | (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc) |
| ☐ **Rounds 3 to 7** | Repeat round 2. (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc) | |

3 4 5 6 7

From here the piece is worked in a spiral: the first stitch of the next round goes into the first stitch of the last one.

#### Hand

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| ☐ **Round 8** | With A, sc in each st around | (24 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 9** | Sc in each st around | (24 sc) |


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| ☐ **Rounds 10 to 12** | Repeat round 9. (24 sc) | |

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The next round leaves the thumb opening.

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| ☐ **Round 13** | Ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 20 sts | (1 ch-4 sp, 20 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 14** | Sc in next 4 chs, sc in next 20 sts | (24 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 15** | Sc in each st around | (24 sc) |
| ☐ **Rounds 16 to 22** | Repeat round 15. (24 sc) | |

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### Top edge

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| ☐ **Round 23** | With C, sc in each st around | (24 sc) |
| ☐ | Sl st in the next st to level the edge; it does not count as a stitch. Fasten off. | |

## Thumb: on each of the two

**Yarn A, chestnut.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of the 4 stitches left for the thumb, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). The thumb is worked in a spiral. | |

In the next round the last 4 stitches go into the free edge of the 4 chains over the opening.

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| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 chs | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times** | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rounds 3 to 7** | Sc in each st around | (10 sc) |

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| ☐ **Round 8** | **[**Sc2tog**] 5 times** | (5 sc) |
| ☐ | 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. | |

## Flap: make 2

**Yarn A, chestnut.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With A, ch 7. | |

The flap is worked from its tip to its edge, in a spiral: the first stitch of each round goes into the first stitch of the round before.

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| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch,<br>working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch | (14 sc) |

Each round of increases adds 1 stitch on each side of the two side folds. The stitch at the first fold is stitch 7 of Round 1, and the one at the second fold is the last stitch of the round; the fold stitches are never increased in.

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| ☐ **Round 2** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times** | (18 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 3** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times** | (22 sc) |


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| ☐ **Round 4** | Sc in each st around | (22 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 5** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times** | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 6** | Sc in each st around | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rounds 7 to 14** | Repeat round 6. (26 sc)<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 | |
| ☐ | Sl st in the next st to level the edge; it does not count as a stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) to sew with. | |

## Muzzle: make 2

**Yarn B, camel.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With B, make a magic ring.<br>Muzzle, ears and button are each worked in a spiral. | |
| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | 2 sc in each of next 6 sts | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 3** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times** | (18 sc) |
| ☐ | Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. | |

## Ear: make 4

**Yarn A, chestnut.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With A, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | 2 sc in each of next 6 sts | (12 sc) |
| ☐ | Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. | |

## Inner ear: make 4

**Yarn B, camel.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ | Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. | |

## Button: make 2

**Yarn B, camel.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Round 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |


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| ☐ **Round 2** | Sc in each st around | (6 sc) |
| ☐ | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm). Pull the ring closed and push its short tail inside for a filling. Run the long tail through the front loops of the 6 stitches of the last round, draw it up tightly and knot it: the button is a small ball. Keep the rest of the tail to sew with. | |

## Finishing

- The flap is the bear: its tip is the chin. The right side is outside. The first 12 stitches of its last round are the back; the next stitch and the last one of the round are the two fold stitches, and the 12 between them are the front. The face goes on the front. Work it before the flap is sewn on. Hold the flap with its edge up and the front facing you, and count the rounds from the chin and the 12 front stitches of a round from right to left.
- Muzzle: pin it to the front, in the middle between stitches 6 and 7, its lowest edge on Round 2 and its highest on Round 8, and sew round it with its tail, through the 18 stitches of its last round and the front layer only.
- Eyes: with D, work each eye as 4 straight stitches in the same two holes, from the bottom to the top of one stitch of Round 10. One eye is on front stitch 4 and the other on front stitch 9. With B, work one very short straight stitch near the upper end of each eye, for a point of light.
- Ears: sew an inner ear to the middle of the right side of each ear. Sew two ears to the edge of the front, with the inner ears to the front: each takes 4 stitches of its last round and 4 stitches of the edge, front stitches 1 to 4 for one ear and 9 to 12 for the other. They stand up beyond the edge.
- Put a flap over the opening of a mitten like the top of a mitten, with the chin pointing away from you, its back facing you and its edge along Round 18 of the mitten, the one with 5 rounds above it. Pin it so that its two fold stitches lie at the two sides. With the tail of the flap, sew its 12 back stitches to the 12 stitches of Round 18 that face you, one to one, beginning at the side where the tail is: go under both loops of the stitch of the flap and round the post (the upright part) of the stitch of the mitten. The fold stitches and the front are not sewn. Folded back, the bear sits on the back of the hand, the right way up for someone who looks at the raised hand; closed, the face is on the palm side.
- Make the two mittens alike. The flaps make one of them the right mitten and the other the left.
- If there is a small gap where the thumb joins the hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Nose: with D, work 5 straight stitches that all begin in the ring at the center of the muzzle and end side by side above it, in 5 neighboring places along the upper edge of Round 2 of the muzzle, one stitch of that round apart, so that they fan out to a triangle with its point down. Work the 5 stitches once more on top of these. Mouth: work 1 straight stitch from the center of the muzzle straight down over Rounds 1 and 2.
- Lay one mitten flat, with the opening away from you and the thumb at the left, so that the middle of the 4 thumb stitches lies at the side fold: the layer that faces you is the back of the right mitten. Lay the other with the thumb at the right: the layer that faces you is the back of the left mitten.
- Button loop (make 2): with C, ch 6 and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. With these tails, sew the two ends of the chain side by side to the middle of the foundation ch at the chin, so that the loop points away from the flap.
- Fold each flap back over the back of the hand and lay it flat. Lay the loop straight, so that it points from the chin to the edge of the cuff; its far end then lies about ¾ in (2 cm) beyond the flap. Sew a button to the back of the mitten, through one layer only, at the place that shows inside the loop, close to its far end, straight below the middle of the chin. Sew it on firmly, and look at it and at the ears before each wear.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 16 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


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from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

## Notes

- 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 closed hand given with the size.
- The pattern makes a pair. It is worked from the cuff up.
- In a joined round, the ch at the start does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the stitch the 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.
- In a spiral the rounds are not joined: put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The right side faces you in every round.
- 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. A color that rests for 4 rounds or fewer can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut one that rests longer, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). After a joined round, draw the new color through with the sl st that closes it.
- 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.

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