Kids' fox mittens

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



Finished size

About 6 in (15 cm) round (24 stitches); the hand is 5 in (12.5 cm) long (rounds 9 to 31 of the hand), the cuff 2¾ in (7 cm) deep (rounds 1 to 8 of the hand) and the thumb 2 in (5 cm) long (9 rounds of the thumb)

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

Yarn A: rust, the hands, the thumbs and the ears	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forest, the cuffs	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the cheeks, the inner ears and the edges of the cuffs	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the noses, the tips of the ears and the eyes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 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
Toddler, 2 to 4 years	5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) round, 4¼ in (11 cm) long	about 115 yd (105 m)
Child, 5 to 7 years (this file)	**6 in (15 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) long**	**about 150 yd (137 m)**
Child, 8 to 10 years	6½ in (16.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long	about 170 yd (155 m)

Gauge

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

When Round 10 is done, lay the piece flat and measure across it: about 3 in (7.5 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, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 10 sts: one in each.

[ ] 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, WS wrong 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.

whip stitch: Bring the needle up through the one piece, close to its edge, and down through the other, over the edge between; each stitch begins beside the one before, so that a row of short slanting stitches holds the edge down.

Hand: make 2

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

Cuff

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With B, ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(12 FPdc, 12 BPdc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 8**	Repeat round 3. (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc)	

4 5 6 7 8

Hand

Cut B, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Round 9 is worked without a turn; the rounds after it are turned. The first 12 stitches of a round are one layer of the mitten and the other 12 the other layer.

☐ **Round 9**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 12 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)

10 11 12

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The next round leaves the opening for the thumb, at the side between the two layers.

☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, ch 4, sk next 4 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc, 1 ch-4 sp)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, sc in next 4 chs, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rounds 16 to 21**	Repeat round 15. (24 sc)	

16 17 18 19 20 21

Face

Each layer now has cream cheeks at its two sides. Draw a new end of C through with the sl st that closes Round 21.

☐ **Round 22**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts, with C, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with C, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)

Nose

☐ **Round 29**	With D, ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(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 inside.	

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Thumb: on each of the two

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Start**	Hold the piece with the fingers up and the right side facing: join A with a sl st in the first of 8 places, which lie round the opening, beginning at the right end of its lower edge: 4 stitches of the hand, then 4 chains of the hand. Leave a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm).	
	The 4 stitches are those that were skipped; the 4 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.	
☐ **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 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Round 9**	**[**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.	

Ear: make 4

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 6, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3	
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
	Cut A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	
☐ **Row 6**	With D, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐	Fasten off and weave the ends of A and D in along the edge; the tail at the start stays for sewing.	

Inner ear: make 4

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

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Finishing

- The two mittens are alike until now; the faces make one of them the right mitten and the other the left. Lay one flat with the nose toward you, so that the thumb is at the right, and the other with the thumb at the left: the layer that faces you is the back of the right and of the left mitten. The face goes on it. The two folds at its sides run through the middle of the thumb opening and, opposite it, along the line where the rounds are joined, and further on through the middle of the cream cheeks; between them the layer has 12 stitches in Round 12, where the ears go, and in Round 19, where the eyes go. Count them from right to left, and go through this layer only.
- Ears: each ear points away from the nose, with its inner ear up. Sew its foundation ch to Round 12, the last round before the one with the thumb opening, with the tail at its start, one ch to one stitch, with whip stitches: one ear on stitches 1 to 5, the other on stitches 8 to 12, with 2 stitches between them. The rest of the ear stays free; its tip lies over the cuff.
- Sleepy eyes: with D, work one loose straight stitch over 3 stitches of Round 19, the third round before the cheeks begin: for one eye from the right edge of stitch 3 to the left edge of stitch 5, for the other from the right edge of stitch 8 to the left edge of stitch 10. Leave it slack enough that its middle reaches 1 round nearer to the nose, and hold it there with a very short stitch over it, so that it makes a curve. Work each eye once more, close beside the first time.
- If there is a small gap where the thumb joins the hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Inner ears: lay an inner ear on the right side of each ear, its foundation ch along the foundation ch of the ear and in the middle of it, and sew it down along its foundation ch and its two sides with its tail.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 10 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 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. 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.
- 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. Cut C after Round 1, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- In the face both colors are used in every round. Change color in the same way, in the last stitch before the words "with A" or "with C". The color that rests is laid along the top of the round below and the stitches are worked over it, so that it lies inside them; draw it along loosely. Begin to carry it at the first stitch of the round, so that it goes all the way round and is there for the next. At the nose cut A and C, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm), and fasten them inside before the tip is closed.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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