Kids' shark 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 8 to 30 of the hand) and the cuff 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep (rounds 1 to 7 of the hand)
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: slate, the backs, the thumbs, the fins and the cuffs	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the bellies, the teeth and the eyes	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, the mouths and the edges of the cuffs	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: navy, the pupils and the gills	**about 5 yd (5 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, pins, 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 120 yd (110 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).

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.

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Instructions

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

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

[ ] 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 A, 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 7**	Repeat round 3. (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc)	

4 5 6 7

Hand

Round 8 is worked without a turn; the rounds after it are turned. Half of each round is the slate back of the shark, in A, and the other half its white belly, in B, with a ball for each. A RS round begins with the back and a WS round with the belly.

☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 9 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)

The next round leaves the opening for the thumb, in the middle of the belly.

☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, ch 6, sk next 6 sts, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc, 1 ch-6 sp)

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☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 chs, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rounds 17 to 24**	Repeat rounds 15 and 16 in turn: every even-numbered round is worked as round 16, every odd-numbered round as round 15. (24 sc)	

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Snout

In every round of decreases the back and the belly each lose 2 stitches, one on each side of the middle.

☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, with B, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off B, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Cut A too, where it hangs on the inside at the color line, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and fasten it inside now, before the tip is closed. Thread the tail of B through the 8 stitches of the last round, pull them closed and fasten inside.	

Thumb: on each of the two

Yarn A, slate.

☐ **Start**	Hold the piece with the fingers up and the right side facing: join A with a sl st in the first of 12 places, which lie round the opening, beginning at the right end of its lower edge: 6 stitches of the hand, then 6 chains of the hand. Leave a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm).	

The 6 stitches are those that were skipped; the 6 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 5 sts, sc in next 6 chs	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**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 inside.	

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Mouth: make 4

Yarn C, coral.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 9, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 chs	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next st, sl st in next st	(2 sl sts, 2 sc, 4 hdc)
☐	Fasten off and weave this tail in on the wrong side.	

Fin: make 2

Yarn A, slate.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring.	

The fin is worked from its tip, in a spiral, with the right side facing.

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with. Press the fin flat, so that it is double; it is not filled. Its slanting edge is the one with the increases; the other edge is upright.	

Eye: make 4

Yarn B, white.

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

The eye is one round, with the right side facing.

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐	Sl st in the first sc. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with, and pull the ring closed.	

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Finishing

- Teeth: with B, work 4 teeth on the right side of each mouth, side by side along its foundation ch, each over 2 stitches of Row 1. A tooth is 5 straight stitches that begin close together, spread over the 2 stitches, at the edge of the foundation ch, and all end in one hole: between these 2 stitches, halfway up Row 2. Work the 5 stitches once more on top.
- Mouth: sew one to each side of each mitten, on the white belly, right side up, its foundation ch toward the slate back (either end of it may point to the snout) and its rounded edge toward the belly fold. The foundation ch lies along the line between the 1st and the 2nd stitch of B, one ch to one round, from Round 20 to Round 27. Pin it and sew it down all round with the tail of C: the foundation ch with one whip stitch to a ch, and the stitches of Row 2 with one whip stitch to a stitch.
- Fin: it stands on the fold of the slate back, its slanting edge toward the snout and its upright edge toward the cuff. Pin its open edge over the fold, over Rounds 13 to 18 of the hand, one layer of 6 stitches on each side of the fold, and sew it down all round with its tail, about one whip stitch to a round.
- Eyes: sew an eye to each side of each mitten, on the slate half, the middle of the eye on Round 22, on the 3rd stitch of A from the color line, with whip stitches. With D, work a pupil in its middle: 6 straight stitches close side by side over the ring, the middle ones as long as two thirds of the eye and the outer ones a little shorter.
- Gills: with D, work 3 straight stitches on each side of each mitten, each over 3 stitches of slate, beginning at the color line: one on Round 12, one on Round 14 and one on Round 16.
- If there is a small gap where the thumb joins the hand, close it with the tail left there. The thumb is a fin of the shark, the one below its belly.
- The mittens are alike, and both sides of a mitten are alike. Lay one flat so that a line where the two colors meet runs up the middle of the side that faces you: the slate back is folded along its middle at one edge, the white belly with the thumb along its middle at the other. Each color line lies between the last stitch of one color and the first of the other; count the stitches of A and of B from this line, the one beside it first. On each side sew through this one layer only. Hold the piece with the snout up.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 12 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 snout, and left and right are alike.
- 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).
- 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.

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