Mini mittens on a string

US terms



Finished size
Each mitten about 2½ in (6 cm) wide and about 3 in (8 cm) tall with its cuff and thumb; the cord is about 7 in (18 cm) from mitten to mitten, without its loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 10 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: Christmas red, the hands and the thumbs **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the cuffs and the hearts **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a little toy stuffing and a spray bottle.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.

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- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Row 1 and every odd-numbered row of a hand and of a cuff is worked with the right side facing. The foundation chain of a hand is its wrist edge; Row 11 is the tip of the fingers.
- The ridges of a cuff are its rows, worked in back loops only. In the finished mitten its rows stand upright, and the sides of the rows are the upper and the lower edge of the cuff.
- Rnd 1 of a thumb goes along one side of its chain and back along the other; it is not joined. The end with the 6 hdc is the tip; the other end is the plain end.
- The middle dc of a heart, between two sc, is its point; the place where the round is joined is the dip.
- To whipstitch, take the needle over both edges and through both layers again and again, so that the yarn winds round the edges.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

RS right side, the one that shows.

( ): all of it goes into the one place.

(8 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Hand: make 4

Yarn A, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 chs	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Thumb: make 2

Yarn A, Christmas red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, 6 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 4 chs	(14 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Heart: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc, dc, sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin out the hands, right sides up, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide, the finger end rounded, and the hearts with the dip and the point clear. Spray them with water and let them dry. The other pieces need no pins.
- Weave in the ends but the sewing tails. For each mitten take two hands, one thumb, one cuff and one heart. Lay the hands with the foundation chain at the bottom and measure from the middle of the foundation chain.
- Heart: lay it on the right side of one hand, the front, right side up, with its point toward the finger end, its magic ring 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above the foundation chain and midway between the two sides. (The mitten hangs with the fingers down, so the heart then stands upright.) Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Thumb: lay the other hand, the back, right side down. Lay the thumb on it, either side up: to the right for one mitten, to the left for the other. The middle of its plain end is 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to that side and ½ in (1.3 cm) above the foundation chain, and its tip points up and outward and is 1½ in (3.8 cm) to that side and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above. Sew its plain end and the part that lies on the hand to the hand with its tail.
- Lay the front on the back, right side up, edge on edge. The tail of the front hangs at the left end of its Row 11, and the tail of the back, which lies right side down, at the right end. With the tail of the front, whipstitch the two hands together down the left side to the foundation chains; with the tail of the back, whipstitch them together across Row 11 from right to left and fasten it there. With a 20 in (51 cm) length of A, whipstitch the right side from Row 11 down to the foundation chains. Take the needle through the thumb where it lies between. Push in a thin layer of stuffing through the wrist, so that the mitten is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) thick in its middle, and with what is left of the tail at the left side sew the two foundation chains together.
- Cuff: with its tail, whipstitch Row 18 to the foundation chain, so that it is a ring, right side out. Push it over the wrist of the mitten with its seam at the side without the thumb, until it covers the last ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the hand; the rest, 5/8 in (1.6 cm), stands out beyond the wrist. Sew the edge that lies on the hand to the hand all round with the rest of the tail, run along the seam.
- Cord: cut a 48 in (122 cm) length of A and a 48 in (122 cm) length of B. Fold each in half and link the two folds, so that you have one long strand, A on one side of the link and B on the other. Let someone hold one end, or pin it down, and twist the other end until the strand kinks by itself. Bring the two ends together, keeping the strand tight, hold the link, and let the two halves wind round each other into a cord of one red and one cream ply. Knot the ends and cut the cord to 11 in (28 cm), with a new knot close to the cut end. Fold it in half and tie the two halves in one knot 1¼ in (3.2 cm) below the fold: that is the hanging loop.
- Put one end of the cord into the cuff of each mitten, to the middle of the wrist, and sew it to the closed wrist with an 8 in (20 cm) length of A, so that both mittens hang at the same height. Hang them so that the thumbs point toward each other.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 10 pieces.

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