Owl fingerless gloves

Women's small and medium, palm 7 in (18 cm) round · US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) round (28 stitches) and 6½ in (16.5 cm) long (18 rounds of the right hand); the cuff is 1¾ in (4.5 cm) deep (rounds 1 to 5 of the right hand)
To fit a palm of 7 in (18 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cinnamon, the gloves	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, the owls, their ears and the edges	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the eyes, the beaks and the feet	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the pupils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 70 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.

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, 5½ in (14 cm) long	about 105 yd (96 m)
Women's small and medium (this file)	**7 in (18 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm) round, 6½ in (16.5 cm) long**	**about 140 yd (128 m)**
Women's large	8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm) round, 6½ in (16.5 cm) long	about 155 yd (142 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The raised posts draw a round together, so the other rounds are lower: in the ribbing of the cuff 5 rounds are about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) high, and 10 rounds that have the owl in them are 4 in (10 cm). In single crochet: 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Rnd 1, lay the ring flat and measure across it: about 3½ in (9 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.

Notes

- Measure round the palm just above the thumb, without the thumb, and choose the size nearest to it.
- The pattern makes a pair, one right and one left; they differ in the place of the opening for the thumb.
- 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 2 (ch 1 at the upper edge) and the turn, and the next round goes back the other way. That ch 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.
- A post stitch goes round the post of the stitch below it, whatever that stitch is. FPdc on the right side and BPdc on the wrong side both stand out on the right side: the 8 posts of the owl do so in every round. A cable is worked on the right side, round 4 stitches.
- 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.
- The owl is worked with three balls and no yarn is carried behind it: one of A for the stitches before the owl, one of B for the owl, one of A for the stitches after it. Each is left hanging on the inside where its stitches end, and the next round, which comes back the other way, takes it up there. Where two yarns meet, take the new one up from beneath the one just left, so that they 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

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

FPdtr round the stitch below, from the front, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.

[ ] 14 times: work what is inside 14 times in all.

(28 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

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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.

C4F: Cable over 4 sts: sk the next 2 sts, FPtr around each of the next 2 sts; then, in front of these, FPtr around each of the 2 skipped sts, from right to left. It makes 4 FPtr.

C4B: Cable over 4 sts that crosses the other way: sk the next 2 sts, FPtr around each of the next 2 sts; then, behind these, FPtr around each of the 2 skipped sts, from right to left. It makes 4 FPtr.

FPtr (UK FPdtr): Front post treble crochet (UK FPdtr: raised double treble at the front): yarn over 2 times, 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] 3 times. Leave the top of that st unworked.

Right hand

Yarns in order of use: A, cinnamon; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 28, 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 (28 dc)

☐ **Rnd 2** — Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (14 FPdc, 14 BPdc)

☐ **Rnds 3 to 5** — Repeat rnd 2. (14 FPdc, 14 BPdc)

3 4 5

Hand

In this hand a RS round begins with the back and a WS round with the palm. Rnd 6 is worked without a turn; the rounds after it are turned.

☐ **Rnd 6 (RS)** — Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join (28 dc)

Owl

The stitches of A on each side of the owl have a ball of their own. The round begins with the ball in use; begin the second ball of A after the owl. In this hand the second ball works the 5 stitches after the owl in Rnd 7, the stitches on that side of the owl in every later round, and at last the first two rounds of the upper edge: wind about 10 yd (9 m) of A for it before you begin Rnd 7.

☐ **Rnd 7 (WS)** — Ch 2, turn, dc in next 19 sts, with B, BPdc around next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 5 sts, sl st in first dc to join (24 dc, 4 BPdc)

In the next round the owl grows from 4 stitches to 8, 2 more on each side, worked round dc of A. B hangs 2 stitches past the place where it is needed, and the ball of A that works after the owl hangs 2 stitches short of its place: lead each of them loosely along the inside to where it is needed.

☐ **Rnd 8 (RS)** — Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, C4B over next 4 sts, C4F over next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join (20 dc, 8 FPtr)

☐ **Rnd 9 (WS)** — Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join (20 dc, 8 BPdc)

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The next round leaves the opening for the thumb in the palm, beside the back of the hand.

☐ **Rnd 10 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, FPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, ch 6, sk next 6 sts, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(14 dc, 8 FPdc, 1 ch-6 sp)
☐ **Rnd 11 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 8 sts, dc in next 6 chs, dc in next 3 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 12 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, C4B over next 4 sts, C4F over next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 FPtr)
☐ **Rnd 13 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 14 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, FPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 FPdc)

In the next round the 4 stitches between the tufts are worked with the ball of A that comes to them first: lead its yarn past the 2 posts of the first tuft on the inside of the piece, which faces you in this round, so that it does not show, and lay B along the top of the round and work the 4 dc over it.

☐ **Rnd 15 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, BPdc around next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 4 sts, with B, BPdc around next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc, 4 BPdc)

Upper edge

The ball of A that is on the hook works the next two rounds. Cut the other ball of A and B, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm). B is joined again for the last round: draw it through with the sl st that closes Rnd 17.

☐ **Rnd 16 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18 (RS)**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left hand

Yarns in order of use: A, cinnamon; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 28, 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	(28 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(14 FPdc, 14 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Repeat rnd 2. (14 FPdc, 14 BPdc)	

3 4 5

Hand

In this hand a RS round begins with the palm and a WS round with the back. Rnd 6 is worked without a turn; the rounds after it are turned.

☐ **Rnd 6 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(28 dc)

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Owl

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☐ **Rnd 7 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 5 sts, with B, BPdc around next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 19 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc, 4 BPdc)

In the next round the owl grows from 4 stitches to 8, 2 more on each side, worked round dc of A. B hangs 2 stitches past the place where it is needed, and the ball of A that works after the owl hangs 2 stitches short of its place: lead each of them loosely along the inside to where it is needed.

☐ **Rnd 8 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, C4B over next 4 sts, C4F over next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 FPtr)
☐ **Rnd 9 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 BPdc)

The next round leaves the opening for the thumb in the palm, beside the back of the hand.

☐ **Rnd 10 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 8 sts, ch 6, sk next 6 sts, dc in next 3 sts, with B, FPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(14 dc, 1 ch-6 sp, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 11 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next 6 chs, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 12 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, C4B over next 4 sts, C4F over next 4 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 FPtr)
☐ **Rnd 13 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, BPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 14 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 17 sts, with B, FPdc around next 8 sts, with A, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(20 dc, 8 FPdc)

In the next round the 4 stitches between the tufts are worked with the ball of A that comes to them first: lead its yarn past the 2 posts of the first tuft on the inside of the piece, which faces you in this round, so that it does not show, and lay B along the top of the round and work the 4 dc over it.

☐ **Rnd 15 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn, dc in next 3 sts, with B, BPdc around next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 4 sts, with B, BPdc around next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 17 sts, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc, 4 BPdc)

Upper edge

The ball of A that is on the hook works the next two rounds. Cut the other ball of A and B, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm). B is joined again for the last round: draw it through with the sl st that closes Rnd 17.

☐ **Rnd 16 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18 (RS)**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Right thumb

Yarns in order of use: A, cinnamon; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	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 right hand, then 6 chains of the right 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.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 6 chs	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge; it does not count as a stitch. Fasten off.	

Left thumb

Yarns in order of use: A, cinnamon; B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	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 left hand, then 6 chains of the left 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.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 6 chs	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge; it does not count as a stitch. Fasten off.	

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Eye: make 4

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
	The eye is worked in a spiral, with the right side facing.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with, and pull the ring closed.	

Finishing

- The owl has its head toward the fingers; its 8 posts are counted from right to left. Its neck is the upper row of crossings, Rnd 12; Rnds 13 and 14 above it are the head.
- Eyes: sew them to the head with their tails, right side up, through both loops of their 12 stitches, side by side so that they touch between posts 4 and 5: the ring in the middle of one between posts 2 and 3, that of the other between posts 6 and 7, both at the line between Rnds 13 and 14. Pupils: before you sew the eyes on, work a round pupil in the middle of each with D: 7 upright straight stitches close side by side, the middle one over the whole of Rnd 1, from its upper to its lower edge, the others shorter toward the sides; with B, add one very short straight stitch at the upper right of it, for a point of light.
- Beak: with C, work 5 straight stitches that begin side by side, spread over the width of one post, just below the place where the two eyes touch, and all end in the same hole, between posts 4 and 5 at the lower edge of Rnd 12.
- Ears: each tuft of 2 posts in Rnd 15 gets a point. With B, work 5 straight stitches close together that begin side by side in the middle of Rnd 15, spread over the 2 posts, and all end in the same hole: on the line between Rnds 16 and 17, above the outer edge of the tuft (the edge away from the other tuft).
- Feet: the tail of the owl is its 4 posts in Rnd 7, and a foot goes on each side of it. With C, work 3 straight stitches for each foot, twice over one another, all from one hole on the line between Rnds 7 and 8, below the middle of post 2 (post 7 for the other foot). They end on the line between Rnds 6 and 7: one straight below, one a stitch to its right and one a stitch to its left.
- If there is a small gap where a thumb joins a hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces.

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