Shell stitch fingerless gloves

Women's medium and large, palm 7¾ in (19.5 cm) round · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) round the palm and 6¾ in (17 cm) long: a cuff of 2¾ in (7 cm) and a hand of 4 in (10 cm)
To fit a palm of 7¾ in (19.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 21 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: seafoam, main color **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 60 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 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
Women's small	7 in (18 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) long	about 115 yd (105 m)
Women's medium and large (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) long**	**about 150 yd (137 m)**

Gauge

18 stitches and 21 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Over the rounds of the hand, as they are written: about 12¼ rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Rnd 15, when there are 36 stitches, the piece is about 8 in (20.5 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.

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Notes

- Measure round the palm just above the thumb, without the thumb, and choose the size nearest to it.
- 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.

Instructions

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

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 30 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 18 times: work what is inside 18 times in all.

(36 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.

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.

Glove: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, seafoam; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 36, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	
Cuff		
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 9**	Repeat rnd 2. (18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)	

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

From here the piece is worked in a spiral: the first stitch goes into the stitch that holds the sl st, and each later round begins in the first stitch of the round before. The sl sts at the start of some rounds bring the yarn to the middle of the first shell; they are not stitches of the round and are not worked into.

Hand

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(6 sc, 30 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 dc, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 5 times**	(6 sc, 30 dc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 dc, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 5 times**	(6 sc, 30 dc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)

The next round leaves the thumb opening.

☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 6, sk next 6 sts, sc in next 30 sts	(1 ch-6 sp, 30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in next 6 chs, sc in next 30 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(6 sc, 30 dc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 dc, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 5 times**	(6 sc, 30 dc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 dc, 6 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Thumb: on each of the two

Yarn A, seafoam.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of the 6 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 6 stitches go into the free edge of the 6 chains over the opening.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Make the second piece the same; left and right are alike.
- If there is a small gap where the thumb joins the hand, close it with the tail left there.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces.

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