Toddler thumbless mittens

2 to 3 years, palm 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round · US terms



Finished size

About 6 in (15 cm) round (24 stitches); the hand is 4½ in (11.5 cm) from wrist to tip. The cuff is 7½ in (19 cm) round (30 stitches) at its edge and, with the wrist, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) deep. The cord is 32 in (81.5 cm) long (128 stitches)

To fit a palm of 5¼ in (13.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 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: red, the hands	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: navy, the cuffs and the cord	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the edges, the wrists and the stars	**about 15 yd (14 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: 4 stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Palm	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
1 to 2 years	4¾ in (12 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) round, 4¼ in (11 cm)	about 115 yd (105 m)
2 to 3 years (this file)	**5¼ in (13.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm) round, 4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
3 to 4 years	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm) round, 5¼ in (13.5 cm)	about 160 yd (146 m)

Gauge

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

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In half double crochet: 16 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). When Round 14 is done, lay the hand 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.

Instructions

2 to 3 years, palm 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 4 sts: one in each.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 10 times: 10 times in all. (20 sc): the round now has 20; a check, not a step. Not 20? **Pull it back**.

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.

hdc2tog (Half double crochet 2 together (UK htr2tog)): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st and draw up a loop, yarn over, insert the hook in the st after it and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

straight stitch: Up at one end of the line and down at the other.

Hand: make 2, one for each hand

☐ **Start**	With C, make a slip knot and ch 30, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Cuff

The piece is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined and not turned. The first sc goes into the ch that holds the sl st, and every later round begins in the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch and move it up every round; the right side faces you throughout.

☐ **Round 1**	Sc in each ch around	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With B, hdc in BLO of each st around	(30 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	Hdc in each st around	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 9**	Repeat round 3. (30 hdc)	

4 5 6 7 8 9

Wrist

☐ **Round 10**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 10 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	With C, sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)

Hand

☐ **Round 13**	With A, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 hdc)

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☐ **Rounds 14 to 15**	Hdc in each st around	(24 hdc)

14 15

Put a marker in the first stitch of the next round and leave it there until the stars are done.

☐ **Round 16**	Hdc in each st around	(24 hdc)

Go on moving up the marker of the round.

☐ **Rounds 17 to 19**	Hdc in each st around	(24 hdc)

17 18 19

The first stitch of the next round gets a marker that stays.

☐ **Round 20**	Hdc in each st around	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rounds 21 to 24**	Repeat round 20. (24 hdc)	

21 22 23 24

Stars: embroider them now, before the top is closed. Put the loop on the hook onto a marker so that it cannot run. Thread C and work 8 stars, each as four straight stitches that cross at the middle of one stitch. Count from the stitch with the marker, which is stitch 1, in the direction the round was worked; the stitch before stitch 1 is the last one of the round below. In Round 16 the stars lie on stitches 4, 10, 16 and 22; in Round 20 on stitches 1, 7, 13 and 19.

Hold the mitten with the open top away from you and the outside facing. Work every star in the same order, coming up at the first place and going down at the second. 1: from the lower edge of the stitch right below the middle one to the upper edge of the stitch right above it, so over 3 rounds. 2: from the right edge of the stitch before the middle one to the left edge of the stitch after it, so over 3 stitches. 3: from the middle of the stitch that lies one round down and one stitch before, to the middle of the one that lies one round up and one stitch after. 4: from one round down and one stitch after, to one round up and one stitch before. Last, one very short stitch over the crossing ties the four together. Let the yarn lie loosely inside from star to star and catch it once on the way. Take out the two markers of the stars and put the loop back on the hook.

Top

☐ **Round 25**	**[**Hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(20 hdc)
☐ **Round 26**	**[**Hdc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 hdc)
☐ **Round 27**	**[**Hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(12 hdc)
☐ **Round 28**	**[**Hdc2tog, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(8 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm). Lay the top flat with the decreases at the two sides and sew the 4 pairs of stitches of the last round together, through both loops of each.	

Cord

Yarn B, navy.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 129, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each ch across	(128 sl sts)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm). Both tails are now at one end of the cord. If the cord is not about 32 in (81.5 cm) long, work it again with more or fewer chains.	

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Finishing

- Cord: each end is sewn to the inside of a mitten at the wrist: to Round 11, the first of the two rounds of C there, on the inside of its first stitch. Lay the cord along the inside of the cuff, so that it comes out at the edge of the cuff, with its last 2 stitches on that round and the one before it. Sew the end that has the tails with one of them, going through both 6 times, and weave the other in along the cord. Sew the other end in the same way with a separate piece of B 12 in (30.5 cm) long. The cord must not be twisted.
- The two mittens are alike, left and right.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,476 stitches (674 in each hand, 128 in the cord).

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 at the knuckles of the four fingers, with the thumb outside the tape, and take the size with that palm; between two sizes, take the larger. The mitten is about ¾ in (2 cm) larger round: that is room for the thumb, which lies inside.
- The pattern makes a pair and a cord for it. Work one whole hand, then the second in the same way.
- 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. Cut a color when the line of a round takes another, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The cord lies inside the sleeves and behind the back of a coat, never round the neck. Leave it off for sleep, in a car seat and wherever nobody is watching; the mittens are whole without it.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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