

PATTERN

BABY MITTENS

without thumb



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Very quick and simple crochet baby mittens,
adaptable to a variety of yarns and hook sizes –
create your own colour schemes –
play and have fun with this pattern.

Basic stitches -single crochet, half double crochet and reverse crochet.

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This is a pattern that you can play with. It was given to me in 1974 by my mother-in-law Henryka. It is very easy and can be made in 4ply or 8ply soft cotton (preferable for babies), 3ply or 4ply baby wool or my favourite yarn for winter babies an 8ply merino and cashmere blend yarn. Mind you I have also made it using bamboo yarn, cotton and silk, and cotton and cashmere.

I have played around with this pattern many times and find it so simple and so easy to adjust to different yarns and different hook sizes. Hope you enjoy playing with it as much as I have.

Most important of all is not to make the stitches too tight. I have always used a hook size larger than that specified on the yarn label being used. This way you get a nice soft, stretchy texture to the mittens.

Simply adapt the pattern to the yarn you are using.



Premie/Newborn size – use 3ply or 4ply yarn (always with hook size larger than specified).

Newborn plus & 3 months plus – use 4ply or 8ply yarn (again always with hook size larger than specified on yarn label).

6 months - use 8ply yarn and add an extra round of increasing instead of 20sts make it 25sts

The same rule applies to making a larger sized mitten in the 3ply or 4ply yarn – just add an extra round of increasing – eg. 25sts or maybe even 30sts.

Here's the pattern:

Abbreviations: *Rnd* = Round; *ch* = Chain; *sc* = single crochet; *st* or *sts* = stitch or stitches; *sl st* = slip stitch; *hdc* = half double crochet

Rnd 1:

Ch2, work 5sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2:

2sc in each st around (10sts) Mark the beginning of the row.

Rnd 3:

(sc in 1st st, 2sc in next st) * (sc in next st, 2sc in next st) repeat from * around (15sts)

Rnd 4:

(sc in 2sts, 2sc in next st) * (sc in next 2sts, 2sc in next st); repeat from * around (20sts)

Rnd 5 – 17:

Sc into back loop of each st around.



Special Note: This is where you can change colour and introduce a striped pattern to your mittens OR change colour for the whole 12 rows and then go back to the original colour in row 18 – ALSO this is an easy way to keep track of how many rows you have done.

Note: This is where you would increase the number of rows if you are using 3ply or 4ply to make larger size mitten OR if you are using 8ply to make 6 months size. Only needs 2-4 rows extra – it's all up to you.

Rnd 18:

Ch2 (counts as 1st hdc) * (hdc in next st) repeat from * around. Join with sl st in top of 1st hdc.

Rnd 19 – 22:

Sc in each st around. Join with sl st.

Rnd 23:

Last row do crab stitch (reverse crochet) to finish.

Tie:

With a smaller hook (one size smaller than specified on yarn label) make 70ch (depending on size of mitten you are making – add more ch for larger sizes).

Weave in and out of 2 hdc at a time in row 18. Tie into bow.

OR alternatively use some ribbon to dress up your mittens.



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