

Challenge.

The Simple Fingerless Mitts

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laughing purple goldfish designs

These mitts are worked in the round with no shaping. The shell pattern is stretchy and will accommodate the shape of your hand beautifully. All you need to do is remember to add your peek-a-boo hole for the thumb!

Are you up for the challenge?

Can you make a pair of these mitts in less than one hour?

I can complete the short ones (darning ends and everything) in that time, but the long mitts take me about one hour and ten minutes.

Try them for yourself and see...



Yarn Used

Carnival Soft 8ply (DK) 100% Acrylic
80g/153m, 2.8oz/167yds

Black #4614, 1 ball

Short Mitts – 40 g used

Long Mitts – 60 g used

Notions

4 mm crochet hook (US G)

Wool needle

Finished Size

Length: long mitt, 20.5 cm (8 in)
short mitt, 14 cm (5 ½ in)

Circumference – 19 cm (7 ½ in)
(unstretched)

Gauge (tension)

For the sample, 3 ½ shells and 8 rows
measure 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in, worked
in shell stitch using 4 mm hook.

Abbreviations

Standard US abbreviations are used.

Special stitches**Beginning shell**

- This shell stitch is worked at the beginning of each round.
- [Ch 3, dc, ch 1, 2 dc] all worked into same stitch or space.

Shell

- [2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc] all worked into same stitch or space.

Pattern notes

- The mitts are worked in the round from the wrist to the fingers.
- No shaping is required, as the shells will stretch to accommodate the hand.



PATTERN BEGINS

Begin at wrist opening.

Join each round with a slip stitch into the top of beginning chain, **then slip stitch across** to the ch-1 sp at centre of first shell before beginning the next round.

Take care not to make your foundation chain too tight. This will make the mitts uncomfortable.

Start	Ch 35; join with a sl st in first ch to form ring.
Round 1	Work a beginning shell in same stitch just joined, skip 4 ch, * work a shell in next ch, skip 4 ch; repeat from * around; join - 7 shells.
Round 2	Work a beginning shell into the ch-1 sp at centre of the first shell, work a shell into the ch-1 sp at centre of each shell; join - 7 shells
Repeat	Repeat round 2 until you have completed 7 rounds for short mitts, or 11 rounds for long mitts.
Create thumb opening	Left mitt: Work a beginning shell into the centre of the first shell, ch 5, skip next shell, work a shell into the centre of each remaining shell - 6 shells, 1 ch-5 sp. Right mitt: Work a beginning shell into the centre of the first shell, work a shell into the centre of next 4 shells, ch 5, skip next shell, work a shell into the centre of the last remaining shell; join - 6 shells, 1 ch-5 sp.
Next round	Left mitt: Work a beginning shell into the centre of the first shell, work a shell into the 3 rd chain of the ch-5 sp, work a shell into each shell; join - 7 shells. Right mitt: Work a beginning shell into the centre of the first shell, work a shell into the centre of next 4 shells, work a shell into the 3 rd chain of the ch-5 sp, work a shell into last shell; join - 7 shells.
Continue	Continue with shell pattern for another 4 rounds.
Fasten off	Sew in all loose ends.

IDEA

These mitts also look fabulous when worked in a lighter weight yarn such as a 5 ply/sport weight.

The lighter yarn will give a lacier appearance to the mitts.

When using the lighter yarn, I still used a 4.0 mm hook and followed the pattern as written. Those shells stretch to fit, so NO extra stitches are needed. You may find that you need to work an extra round or two to reach the desired length.

Experiment and Enjoy!