FREE PATTERN · WINTER

Striped *Mittens*

Cozy two-color mittens with a ribbed cuff and a soft, knit-look stitch. One size fits most adults.



LEVEL
Confident beginner (you know chain, single crochet and slip stitch)

TIME
A few cozy evenings per pair

SIZE
One size fits most adults

YARN AND HOOKS
DK weight, 2 colors · 4.5 mm (7) and 5 mm (H-8) hooks

Checked stitch by stitch **Real photos of every step** **Stuck? Write to us anytime**

BEFORE YOU START

What you *need*

- **DK weight yarn** (the label shows a 3 or says "light") in 2 colors: **Main Color (MC)**, for example brown, and **Contrast Color (CC)**, for example cream. One 100 g ball of each is plenty. Acrylic works well.
- **4.5 mm (7) hook** for the cuff, and **5 mm (H-8) hook** for the hand
- **Scissors** and a **yarn needle**
- Optional: hold a strand of mohair with your yarn for a fuzzy look

Words we use (US terms)

ch chain

sl st slip stitch

sc single crochet

BLO back loop only: the loop farther away from you

CSC center single crochet: a sc worked into the middle of the "V" below (page 6 shows how)

dec decrease: sc 2 stitches together to make 1

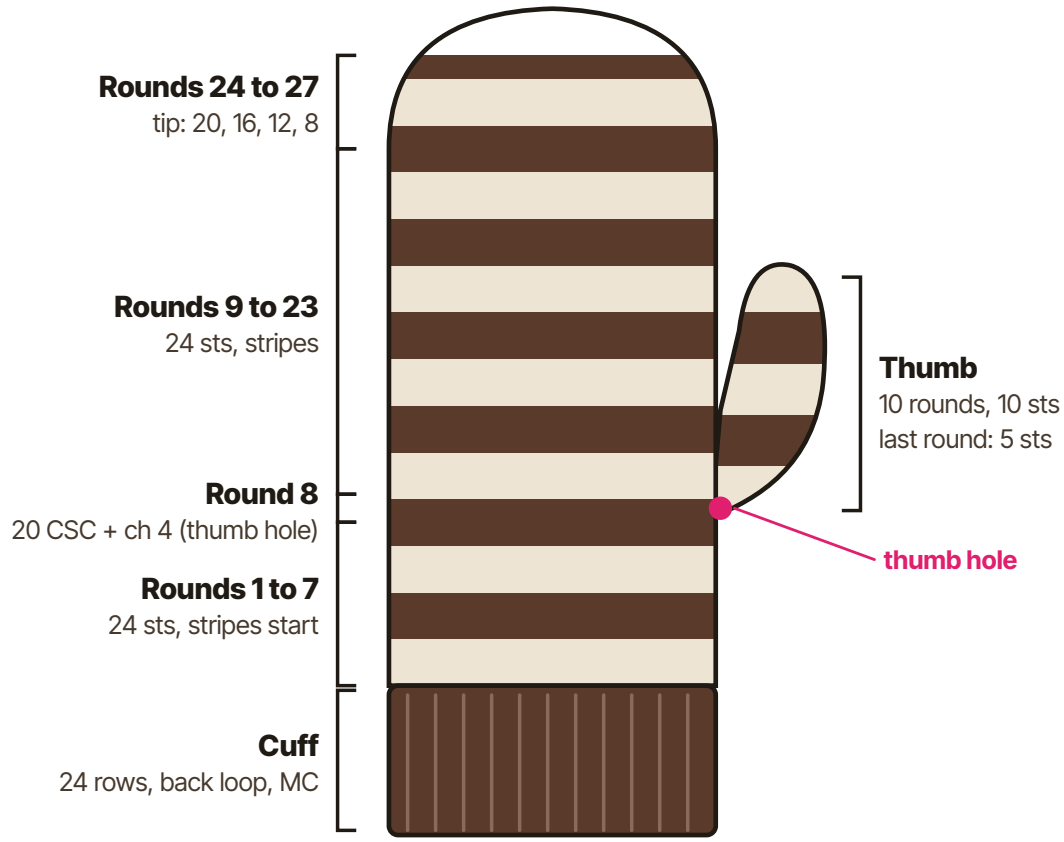
How to read this pattern

- * * means repeat what's between the stars.
- The number like **24** is how many stitches you should have.
- At the end of every round: sl st to the first stitch, then ch 1. **The ch 1 is never a stitch.**
- **Make 2 mittens.** They're the same, so the thumb works on either hand.

MITTEN MAP

See the whole mitten *at once*

Each part of the mitten, from the cuff to the tip, with its rounds and stitch count. Use it next to the written steps.



Main Color (MC) Contrast Color (CC) Each stripe = 2 rounds

HOW TO USE IT

Find the part you're working on. Check the round numbers and the count. Then go back to the written steps for that part.

YOUR 4-WEEK PLAN

One small goal *each week*

About 1 to 2 hours a week. Go slow. Nobody is racing.

1

The cuff and the start of the hand

Make the ribbed cuff, join it into a ring, and work Rounds 1 to 7.

Post in your group: your yarn, hooks and finished cuff

2

Thumb hole, top and thumb

Make the thumb hole, finish the hand, close the top, add the thumb. Mitten 1 is done.

Post in your group: mitten number 1 on your hand

3

Mitten number 2

Same steps again. It goes faster the second time.

Post in your group: your pair, side by side

4

Finish and wear them

Weave in the ends, close any small gaps, and try them on.

Finish Day: post your mittens on the Finish Day wall

WEEK 1 · 4.5 MM HOOK · MAIN COLOR

The ribbed *cuff*





The cuff is a small flat strip that you roll into a ring.

Start

Make a slip knot and ch 11.

Row 1

1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, then 1 sc in each ch across. Ch 1 and turn.

10 stitches

Rows 2 to 24

1 sc in the **back loop only** of each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. Repeat until you have 24 rows.

10 stitches every row

STUCK SPOT

The back loop is the one farther from you. Working only into it makes the stretchy ridges. Count your rows by the ridges: 2 rows make 1 ridge, so 24 rows = 12 ridges.

Join the cuff

Fold the strip so the first and last rows meet, right sides together. Sl st across, going through the foundation chain and the back loops of the last row. Fasten off and turn the cuff right side out.

Too loose or too tight on your wrist? Add or take away a few rows, but then use that number of stitches in Round 1.

WEEK 1 · 5 MM HOOK · CONTRAST COLOR

The hand: *Rounds 1 and 2*

Round 1 (CC)

Join CC on one edge of the cuff, near the seam. Work 1 sc at the end of each cuff row, all the way around. Sl st to the first sc, ch 1.

24 stitches



How to make a CSC

Look at the stitch below: it has a "V" on the front. Put your hook **through the middle of the V**, between its two legs, instead of under the top loops. Then finish it like a normal sc.

STUCK SPOT

CSC is tight at first. That's normal. Keep your loops a little loose. If you really can't get your hook in, try a 5.5 mm hook.

Round 2 (CC)

Ch 1. 1 CSC in each stitch around. Sl st to the first CSC.

24 stitches

Stripes: *Rounds 3 to 7*

Rounds 3 to 7 (stripes)
Ch 1. 1 CSC in each stitch around. Sl st to join.
Change color every 2 rounds: Rounds 3 and 4 in MC, 5 and 6 in CC, 7 in MC.

24 stitches



STUCK SPOT: CHANGING COLOR

Change color on the sl st at the end of the round: pull the new color through. Don't cut the old color. Let it wait inside the mitten, and pick it up again in 2 rounds. Keep it loose so the mitten doesn't pucker.

Does yours look like this?

- [ ] Brown ribbed cuff, then cream and brown stripes
- [ ] Each stripe is 2 rounds tall
- [ ] You counted 24 stitches

WEEK 2 · KEEP THE STRIPES GOING

The thumb hole and *the hand*

Round 8 (MC): the thumb hole

Ch 1. 1 CSC in each of the next 20 stitches. Ch 4. Skip the last 4 stitches. Sl st to the first CSC.

20 stitches + 4 chains



Round 9 (CC)

Ch 1. 1 CSC in each of the 20 stitches. Then 1 sc in each of the 4 chains. Sl st to join.

24 stitches

STUCK SPOT

Don't skip the chains in Round 9. Work 1 sc into each of the 4 chains, or you'll lose stitches. Count to 24.

Rounds 10 to 23 (stripes)

Ch 1. 1 CSC in each stitch around. Sl st to join. Keep changing color every 2 rounds.

24 stitches

Try it on now

- [ ] The top edge reaches about the tip of your little finger
- [ ] It fits around your hand without pulling
- [ ] You counted 24 stitches

Too short? Add 2 rounds. Too long? Take 2 away.

WEEK 2 · CLOSING THE TOP

Shape the *tip*

Use regular sc here. Keep the stripes going.

Round 24

Ch 1. *1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches, dec.* Repeat 4 times. Sl st to join.

20 stitches

Round 25

Ch 1. *1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches, dec.* Repeat 4 times. Sl st to join.

16 stitches

Round 26

Ch 1. *1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches, dec.* Repeat 4 times. Sl st to join.

12 stitches

Round 27

Ch 1. *1 sc in the next stitch, dec.* Repeat 4 times. Sl st to join.

8 stitches

Close the top

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread it on your needle, go through the front loop of each of the 8 stitches, pull tight to close, and knot it on the inside.

WEEK 2 · 5 MM HOOK

The *thumb*

Thumb Round 1 (CC)

Join CC in the thumb hole. Work 1 sc in each of the 4 skipped stitches, 1 sc in the corner, 1 sc in each of the 4 chains, and 1 sc in the other corner. Sl st to join.

10 stitches



STUCK SPOT

The 2 corner stitches close the little gaps at the sides of the thumb. If you still see a small hole later, sew it shut with a yarn tail.

Thumb Rounds 2 to 9

Ch 1. 1 CSC in each stitch around. Sl st to join. Change color every 2 rounds.

10 stitches

Thumb Round 10

Ch 1. Dec 5 times. Sl st to join. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Thread it through the 5 stitches, pull tight and knot inside.

5 stitches

Does yours look like this?

- [ ] The thumb covers your thumb comfortably
- [ ] The top is closed with no hole
- [ ] The stripes line up on one side

Not quite? See the Fix it page (page 12).

WEEKS 3 AND 4

Make the pair and *finish*

Mitten number 2

Follow every step again, from the cuff to the thumb. Both mittens are the same.

Weave in the ends

Turn each mitten inside out. Thread each tail on your needle and weave it under stitches of the same color for about 2 in (5 cm). Cut close.

Make them yours

- **Colors:** one color only, holiday colors, or a rainbow of leftovers.
- **Fingerless:** stop after Round 23 and the thumb after Round 5, then sl st around and fasten off.
- **A little extra:** sew on a button or a small bow at the cuff.

The finished mittens





Finish Day

Post your mittens on the Finish Day wall. Tell us who they're for. Every finish gets cheered.

FIX IT

Something looks off? *Here's why.*

My mitten is too tight

CSC is a firm stitch. Try a 5.5 mm hook, and keep your loops a little looser.

My mitten is too short or too long

Add or remove 2 rounds between Rounds 10 and 23. Always try it on before you shape the tip.

My count is wrong after the thumb hole

In Round 9, check you made 1 sc in each of the 4 chains. That brings you back to 24.

The cuff is too loose on my wrist

Make the cuff with fewer rows. Then use that same number of sc in Round 1.

The mitten puckers where I change color

The waiting yarn inside is pulled too tight. Leave it a little loose before you pick it up again.

There's a small hole beside the thumb

Normal for many mittens. Sew it closed with a yarn tail from the inside.

STILL STUCK?

Take a photo and send it to contactemmacrochet@gmail.com, or to your guide if you're in the club. A real crocheter will look at it and tell you what to do.

QUICK PATTERN

All steps *on one page*

For mitten 2. Tick a box as you go. Stripes: change color every 2 rounds.

- [ ] **Cuff (4.5 mm, MC):** Ch 11. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across, ch 1, turn. **(10)** Rows 2–24: sc BLO across, ch 1, turn. Fold, sl st closed, fasten off.
- [ ] **R1 (5 mm, CC):** 24 sc around the cuff edge, join. **(24)**
- [ ] **R2–7:** Ch 1, CSC in each st, join. **(24)**
- [ ] **R8:** Ch 1, CSC in 20, ch 4, skip 4, join. **(20 + 4 ch)**
- [ ] **R9:** Ch 1, CSC in 20, sc in each of 4 ch, join. **(24)**
- [ ] **R10–23:** Ch 1, CSC in each st, join. **(24)**
- [ ] **R24:** Ch 1, *sc 4, dec* x4, join. **(20)**
- [ ] **R25:** Ch 1, *sc 3, dec* x4, join. **(16)**
- [ ] **R26:** Ch 1, *sc 2, dec* x4, join. **(12)**
- [ ] **R27:** Ch 1, *sc 1, dec* x4, join. **(8)** Close the top.
- [ ] **Thumb R1:** 4 sc in skipped sts, 1 in corner, 4 in chains, 1 in corner, join. **(10)**
- [ ] **Thumb R2–9:** Ch 1, CSC in each st, join. **(10)**
- [ ] **Thumb R10:** Ch 1, dec x5, join. **(5)** Close the thumb, weave in ends.

OUR PATTERN PROMISE

Made by real people, *for real hands*

- **Real photos only.** Every photo is real crochet, never AI.
- **Every step shown**, with words and photos together.
- **A stitch count at the end of every round.**
- **Checked stitch by stitch** before we share it.
- **Honest about the level, the yarn and the size.**

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