



Mossy Mitts

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Finished size: To fit most teens and Women. These mitts measure 7.5" in length, with a wrist circumference of 6" un-stretched, and a hand circumference of 8 ½". When measuring the hand and wrist circumferences, wrap your measuring tape around the outside of the mitt. Note that the wrist will easily stretch up to 9".

Yarn: Caron Sheepish (70% acrylic, 30% wool; 167 yd [153 m] / 3 oz [85 g]; CYCA #4); color #0019 oliv(ish), 1 skein.

Hook: Size H//8 (5.00 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: yarn needle, 1 button per flower, needle and matching thread (for button).

Gauge: 16 sts and 19 rows = 4" in moss stitch pattern. 18 sts and 24 rows = 4" in ribbed slip stitch pattern. If you wish to skip making a gauge swatch, be sure to check your gauge after working row 16. Hand end should measure 4", and piece should be 7.5" long from wrist to finger edge.

Stitch patterns:

Moss stitch pattern:

Foundation: Chain any even amount of stitches.

Row 1: Starting with 3rd ch from hook, [1 sl st in next st, 1 hdc into following st] across row.

Row 2: Ch 2 (turning chain, does not count as a stitch), turn, [1 sl st into next hdc st, 1 hdc into next sl st] across row.

Repeat Row 2 until desired length.

Ribbed slip stitch pattern:

Foundation: Chain any amount of stitches.

Row 1: Starting with 2nd ch from hook, 1 sl st into each st across.

Row 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch now and throughout), turn, 1 sl st blo into each st across.

Repeat Row 2 until desired length.

Abbreviations and terms used in this pattern

blo = back loop only (work into the back loop only of indicated stitch)

ch(s) = chain(s)

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tr = treble crochet

yo = yarn over

The *bottom of the chain*: This is also known as the back, backside, or bottom ridge loop of a chain stitch. This is the part of the chain stitch that is *opposite* of the two loops (the ones that form the "v") that you would normally insert your hook under. In other words, if you turn the chain upside down, so that you are looking at the bottom of it, you will see a line of dashes. It is under each dash, that you would insert your hook if you were instructed to crochet into the bottom of each chain stitch.

Notes: These mitts are crocheted flat in back and forth rows, and then seamed together. Each row runs from wrist to fingertip edge. Switching from one stitch pattern to the other creates shaping for hand.

Important: Working in the Slip Stitch pattern is much easier if you intentionally make your stitches a little bit loose. Otherwise, you will find it difficult to get your hook into each stitch. Pull up on each stitch just a little more than you normally would to keep them from getting too tight.

Turning chains do not count as a stitch.

Directions:

Mitt (make 2):

Foundation: Ch 31.

Row 1 (WS): Starting with the second ch from hook, and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 sl st into each of the next 11 sts, place marker in 11th sl st (to denote a change in stitch pattern), [1 sl st into next st, 1 hdc in following st] 9 times, 1 sc into last st -30 sts.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into 1st st, [sl st into next hdc, 1 hdc into next sl st] 9 times, 1 sl st blo into each of next 11 sts -30 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 1 sl st blo into each of the next 11 sts, [1 sl st in next hdc st, 1 hdc into next sl st] 9 times, 1 sc in last st -30 sts.

Rows 4-17: Repeat rows 2 & 3, seven more times.

Row 18: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into 1st st, [1 sl st into next hdc, 1 hdc into following sl st] 3 times, ch 6, sk next 6 sts (for thumbhole), [1 sl st into next hdc st, 1 hdc into next sl st] 3 times, 1 sl st blo into each of next 11 sts -30 sts.

Row 19: Ch 1, turn, 1 sl st blo into each of the next 11 sts, [1 sl st in next st, 1 hdc into next st] 9 times, 1 sc in last st -30 sts.

Rows 20-35: Repeat rows 2 & 3, eight more times. Row 35 is a WS row.

Fasten off with a long tail. Using yarn needle and yarn tail stitch side seam of mitt together. I like to use the following technique to join pieces together because it is much less bulky than most seams and lays flat quite nicely.

Butt the two edges of the mitt together, with right side of mitt toward outside. Weave yarn needle back and forth (from one edge to the other) just through the top loop of each stitch. Stop when you get to the end, rotate work 180 degrees, and repeat this process in the opposite direction, taking the opposite path through the top loops. This additional pass will not only reinforce the seam, but it also straightens the seam (it keeps the seam from looking jagged).

Weave in ends.

Flower (make as many as you want to decorate mitts):

Round 1: Make an adjustable loop, 5 sc into loop, pull on beg yarn tail to tighten loop. Do not join.

Round 2: [1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 1 tr, ch 3, sl st into 3rd ch from hook, 1 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1sc] into each st around (5 petals made). Sl st into 1st sc st of round to join.

Fasten off. Stitch flower onto mitt using yarn tails or thread and needle. Stitch button in center of flower. Weave in ends.