

# Quick Top-Down Mitts

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Worsted Weight yarn (about 60 grams)  
I hook (5.5 mm)

Size: about 7 inches around

Note: Foundation stitches are helpful because they stretch more than chaining. However, you can also work this pattern with loose chains in place of the foundation stitches. I strongly recommend learning how to do foundation stitches (a video can be very helpful); it is worth the trouble to learn.

Round 1: Foundation hdc 25 stitches, join. Do not turn throughout. (There will be a split here; you can sew it up after a few rounds or at the end.)

Rounds 2-8: hdc around, join.

## Thumb Opening:

\*\* To begin adding the foundation stitches, use the side of the last st to start your first foundation stitch.

\*\* When working the first regular stitch after adding the foundation stitches for the thumb, insert hook through the base of the last added foundation stitch and through the 1<sup>st</sup> regular stitch you will start working, yarn over, and pull through all but the last loop on your hook, leaving you 2 loops, then work the first regular stitch, pulling that stitch through the extra loop. This will prevent a split in the stitches.

Round 9: hdc 10 stitches, foundation hdc 9 st, sk 4, hdc to end. (30 st)

Round 10: hdc around, dec one st at approximately the center of the thumb, join. (29 st)

Round 11: hdc around, dec one stitch on each side of the thumb, join. (27 st)

Round 12: hdc around, dec one stitch on each side of the thumb, join. (25 st)

Rounds 13-16: hdc around, join.

Round 17: ch 1, sc in same st, \*ch 3, sk 2 st, sc,\* join. (you will have 2 sc side by side at the beginning of the round - this is correct)

Round 18: ch 3, dc in same st, sc in ch sp, \*3 dc in next sc, sc in ch sp,\* dc in next sc, join to ch 3.

Round 19: ch 1, sc in same st, \*ch 3, sc in center st of shell,\* ch 3, join.

Round 20: ch 3, 2 dc in same st, sc in ch sp, \*3 dc in next sc, sc in ch sp,\* join to ch 3.

Fasten off.

## Thumb:

Attach yarn to any st in the thumb.

Round 1: hdc around, join. (13 st)

\*\* I found that when I get to the “corners” in the first round that there can be gaps. I solved this by working a dec over the gap and the regular st, which does not change the stitch count, but fills in the gap.

Rounds 2-3: hdc around, join. (13 st)

Fasten off, sew the split at the top of the mitt (from the foundation stitches), weave in ends, and enjoy!