



Stripy Mitts



Make these gloves and your hands will thank you for making them colourful, warm, bright and stylish too!

★ Yarn:

170 yards of Sport or Light DK yarn in various colours.
(I used Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino)

★ Needles/Hook:

3.5mm (USA E)

★ You'll also need:

14 buttons approx 1cm (3/8") diameter
Yarn needle
Needle and thread for sewing on buttons

★ Size:

Medium (but can be adjusted (see 'Other Note' below))

★ Gauge:

11 rows by 20 stitches to 10cm (4") on tr stitches.

★ Other Notes:

FITTING:

You may need to experiment a little bit with the number of stitches to get the fit just right for you. This worked out just fine for me, and I'd say my hands are about medium.

However, we're all different so if you want to vary the size, you need to change the starting chain by 3 each time. So, if you want a tighter fit, start with 3 less chains, 35, or 32 even. If you want to make a larger mitt, start with 41, or 44 chains, etc. The pattern will still work out perfectly as written if you stick to this 'rule of 3'.

★ Abbreviations & Translations:

This pattern is written using UK crochet terms.
(American terms in brackets)

st - stitch
ss - slip stitch
sp - space
ch - chain
dc - double crochet (**sc - single crochet**)
htr - half treble crochet (**hdc - half double crochet**)
tr - treble crochet (**dc - double crochet**)

Glove

Chain 38 (36 stitches and 2 for turning chain)

Row 1: 1htr in 3rd ch from hook, 1htr into each stitch to end. Break yarn. (36 stitches)

Row 2: Attach new yarn, turn work, 3ch, 1tr into each stitch. Break yarn.

Row 3 - 15: As row 2

FITTING TIP: Once you've done about 4 or 5 rows, try wrapping your crochet around your arm and see what sort of fit you're getting. You want it to wrap around but leave a bit of a gap because we've got to add the button band yet and it'll probably stretch a little with wear too. If you're not happy with the size, better to change it now before you get even more done. But if you're happy with the fit then carry on.

Once you've completed the 15 stripes, we're going to start crocheting in the round so this time, don't turn the work. Instead, bring the other end of the work around to meet the end you are working on.

Round 16: Attach new yarn, 3ch, 1tr into *first* stitch of previous row, 1tr into each st around, ss to 3rd chain of beginning 3ch. Break yarn.

Round 17: Attach new yarn, 3ch, 1tr into each st around, ss to 3rd ch of beginning 3ch. Break yarn.

Round 18: As round 17

Round 19: Attach new yarn, 3ch, 1htr into each st around, ss to 3rd ch of beginning 3ch. Break yarn.

TOP EDGING:

Round 20: Attach new yarn, 1ch, 1dc into same st, 1dc into each stitch around, ss into first dc. Do **not** break yarn this time.

For the next round we're going to work into the **back loops only**.

Round 21: *3ch, ss into same st (makes picot), ss into next 3 sts, repeat from * around to beginning, you should finish on a picot. Break yarn.

Left Hand

BUTTON BAND:

Now lay the glove down so that the top edging is on your left, the folded edge is along the bottom and the opening is along the top. We're going to start work on the top right hand corner, on the top piece of fabric.

Row 1: Attach the yarn to the top right corner (as described above), into the side of the first htr row. 3ch (counts as 1tr), then make 2tr's into the end of each tr row,

until you worked into the 12th stripe. Break yarn. (23 stitches)

BUTTON HOLE BAND:

Next, turn the glove over, so that the top edging is on your right, the folded edge is still as the bottom and the opening at the top. We're going to start work on the 12th stripe from the left.

Row 1: Attach yarn to 12th stripe (as described above), 1ch, 1dc into same place, make a 2nd dc into this stripe. now work your way along the stripes, making 2dc into the end of each stripe, until you get to the last stripe (the htr row), 1dc into this last row. Do **not** break yarn. (23 stitches)

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, 1dc into next st, *skip 1dc, 2ch, 2dc (makes button hole), repeat from * to end. Do **not** break yarn. (You should have made 7 button holes)

Row 3: skip 1 dc, ss into 2nd dc, *3dc into ch sp, ss into next 2dc, repeat from * to last 2 dc, skip 1 dc, ss into last dc. Break yarn.

THUMB HOLE:

Turn the glove back over so that the BUTTON BAND is on top. We're going to start work where the BUTTON BAND finished, working into the 13th stripe.

Round 1: Attach yarn, 1ch, 1dc into same place, make a 2nd dc into this stripe, work your way along the rest of the stripes, making 2dc's into the end of each stripe. When you have completed the 4 stripes on this side, simply continue working down the 4 stripes on the other side in the same way until you reach the BUTTON HOLE BAND. You will need to ignore this BUTTON HOLE BAND as we will not work into this. Instead, work 2dc's into the end of the BUTTON BAND, make sure you pull the first dc nice and tight so there is no gap. Now make an ss into the first dc of the round. Do **not** break yarn. (18 stitches)

Round 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, 1dc into each st around to the beginning, 22 into 1st dc. Break yarn.

Right Hand

To make the second glove, follow instructions for 'Glove' until you have completed round 21. Then works as follows:

BUTTON HOLE BAND:

Now lay the glove down so that the top edging is on your left, the folded edge is along the bottom and the opening is along the top. We're going to start work on the top right hand corner, on the top piece of fabric.

Row 1: Attach yarn to top right corner (as described above), 1ch, 1dc into same place, now work your way along the stripes, making 2dc into the end of each stripe, until you have worked into the 12th stripe. Do **not** break yarn. (23 stitches)

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, 1dc into next st, *skip 1dc, 2ch, 2dc (makes button hole), repeat from * to end. Do **not** break yarn. (You should have made 7 button holes)

Row 3: skip 1 dc, ss into 2nd dc, *3dc into ch sp, ss into next 2dc, repeat from * to last 2 dc, skip 1 dc, ss into last dc. Break yarn.

BUTTON BAND:

Next, turn the glove over, so that the top edging is on your right, the folded edge is still as the bottom and the opening at the top. We're going to start work on the 12th stripe from the left.

Row 1: Attach the yarn to 12th stripe (as described above), . 3ch (counts as 1tr), 1tr into same stripe, then make 2tr's into the end of each tr row, until you get to the last stripe, work just 1tr into this last htr row. Break yarn. (23 stitches)

THUMB HOLE:

Turn the glove back over so that the BUTTON HOLE BAND is on top. We're going to start work where the BUTTON HOLE BAND finished, working into the 13th stripe.

Round 1: Attach yarn, 1ch, 1dc into same place, make a 2nd dc into this stripe, work your way along the rest of the stripes, making 2dc's into the end of each stripe. When you have completed the 4 stripes on this side, simply continue working down the 4 stripes on the other side in the same way until you reach the BUTTON BAND. Make 2 dc's into the end of the BUTTON BAND. Next, ignoring the BUTTON HOLE BAND, which we won't work into, make an ss into the first dc of the round. Pull this up nice a tight so there is no gap. Do **not** break yarn. (18 stitches)

Round 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, 1dc into each st around to the beginning, ss into 1st dc. Break yarn.

Finishing

First of all, weave in all those peaky ends.

Then it's time to decide where you'd like all your pretty buttons to go. If you're using mismatched ones like me, have a play around and see which arrangement you like best. If you're using matching buttons, you go just go ahead and start sewing. Either way, make sure you line them up nicely with the holes on the BUTTON HOLE BAND before sewing them into place on the BUTTON BAND.

That's it! Do those buttons up, pull the gloves on and wear them wherever and whenever you like.

I hope you enjoy them.

