

Gwen's Fingerless Fly-Fishing Mittens

These mittens are ideal for outdoor activities where you need the dexterity of your fingers and them. They keep the joints warm but allow full range of movement. If they are made of wool or other animal fiber they will usually be just as warm wet as when they are dry.

The mitten can be made in any size from the tiniest doll hand to a large bear hand. If you **wanted, you could make one for an elephant** but they don't have fingers.

The skills you need for these mittens are chain, slip stitch (join) and double crochet. Pretty simple.



You may make the mittens out of any fiber. You can use handspun or commercial yarns. The weight/diameter of the yarn will greatly affect the style of the mitten and the number of stitches you will need to meet the desired size of the mitten. Very fine mittens have different purposes than heavy mittens. Mittens that are too heavy are more cumbersome and not as useful. I like a medium size mitten for fly fishing.



Measure around the largest point of your hand. This will most likely be from your thumb to the side across. You will need to make a loop this length of crocheted chains. Nine inches is a medium woman's hand.

Next measure the distance from the bottom of the second joint of your thumb to to the distance up your wrist you would like the mitten to reach, approximately 3 ½ inches. Jot this measurement down. This will be the length of tube you will crochet before making the opening for the thumb.

Next measure the distance from the V your hand makes between your index finger and the thumb to the middle joint of your longest finger. Jot this measurement down. This will be the distance you will crochet the tube after you complete the opening for the thumb.

What is missing in the measurements is the distance you will crochet for the thumb opening. I am going to give you that. For a woman's medium you will use the measurement of 1 ¼ inches. A large man's glove will be 2 inches. This number will be approximate depending on the elasticity of the yarn. You will be able to adjust as you work.

Once you have decided upon your hand measurement and the yarn you will crochet a chain that reaches the measurement when it is stretched out. Do not stretch the chain out to the point of stressing the fiber. Just a enough to remove the spring from the chain. Count the stitches. If the number is odd, either add a stitch or remove a stitch. You want an even number stitches.

Join the last chain to the first chain. Make sure you count your stitches again at this point to make sure you are still at an even number of stitches. Jot down this number as you will want to make the other mitten to match.

First row:
Chain 3.
the
around.
into the



This will be your first double crochet of round. Double crochet in each stitch When you get to the chain 3 slip stitch third chain.

Second and subsequent rows:

Slip stitch around the back post of the chain three in the prior row. Chain 3, double crochet around the front of the post of the double crochet in the prior row. Continue with double crochets alternating between the back of the post and the front of the post around to the beginning. You should still have an even number of stitches matching the first row. Slip stitch into the third chain of the beginning chain three.

Repeat until the length of the tube reaches from

