Crochet Fingerless Gloves: Lacy Mesh Pattern

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Finished Size and Skill Level

Size M (written instructions): finished glove is approx 10 in (25 cm) long, fits a palm measuring 8-9 in around. Also includes Size S (fits palm 7-8 in, 24 sts per round) and Size L (fits palm 9-10 in, 28 sts per round).

Skill level: Beginner. You only need chains, slip stitches, and double crochet worked in simple joined rounds, plus basic front-post and back-post stitches for the cuff.

Materials

- Worsted weight #4 yarn, approx 100 yds per pair of gloves (any soft acrylic or wool blend)
- US I-9 / 5.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Stitch marker (optional, helpful to mark the start of each round)

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch - chain
- sl st - slip stitch
- dc - double crochet
- fpdc - front post double crochet
- bpdc - back post double crochet
- st(s) - stitch(es)

Gauge

Approx 12 dc x 8 rows = 4 in (10 cm), that is 3 dc sts per inch. Take a minute to check gauge: a glove that is off gauge will not fit the palm measurements above. If your stitches are too small, go up a hook size; too big, go down.

Pattern Notes

- Gloves are worked in joined rounds from the fingers down toward the wrist. The thumb opening is left simply by chaining and skipping stitches, no shaping needed.
- The beginning ch 3 of each double crochet round counts as a dc and is joined with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning ch 3 at the end of every round.
- The beginning ch 2 of each cuff round does not count as a stitch.

- All instructions are written for Size M, with changes for S and L in [brackets] as: S [M, L]. Round counts are the same for all sizes; only the stitch counts change: 24 [26, 28] sts per round.
- You will make two identical gloves. Fingerless gloves do not need to be mirrored, so the second glove is worked exactly the same as the first.

Make This Version

Work Rounds 1-2 exactly as printed below. Then work Rounds 3-17 in mesh as follows, instead of the plain rounds printed below. A mesh round has 12 [13, 14] dc and 12 [13, 14] ch, which is 24 [26, 28] sts, because the 2-st mesh repeat (1 dc + 1 ch) divides evenly into 24, 26, and 28.

Round 3 (first mesh round): Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, skip 1 st, dc in next st, (ch 1, skip 1 st, dc in next st) 10 [11, 12] times, ch 1, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (12 [13, 14] dc + 12 [13, 14] ch = 24 [26, 28] sts) The final ch 1 sits over the last stitch of the round below, which stays unworked.

Rounds 4-12 (stacked mesh rounds): Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in next dc, (ch 1, dc in next dc) 10 [11, 12] times, ch 1, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (12 [13, 14] dc + 12 [13, 14] ch = 24 [26, 28] sts) Work each dc into a dc of the round below and each ch 1 over a ch space of the round below.

Round 13 (mesh thumb round): Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, skip 1 st, dc in next st, (ch 1, skip 1 st, dc in next st) 7 [8, 9] times, ch 1, ch 6, skip the next 6 sts, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (9 [10, 11] dc + 9 [10, 11] ch + 6 ch = 24 [26, 28] sts) The ch 6 span is the thumb hole, exactly as in the base pattern. The 6 skipped sts are 3 mesh repeats.

Round 14 (first mesh round after the thumb): work exactly as Round 3, working a dc into a dc or a chain stitch as it comes and skipping every other stitch, so the mesh restarts evenly over the thumb chains. (12 [13, 14] dc + 12 [13, 14] ch = 24 [26, 28] sts)

Rounds 15-16 (stacked mesh rounds): work exactly as Rounds 4-12. (12 [13, 14] dc + 12 [13, 14] ch = 24 [26, 28] sts)

Round 17 (solid round for the cuff): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc and each ch space around, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 [26, 28] dc) This solid round gives the cuff post stitches something to work around.

Cuff Rounds 18-21 are worked exactly as printed below. The cuff can also be worked in the same openwork mesh instead of the ribbed fpdc/bpdc cuff: work Rounds 18-21 as stacked mesh rounds, exactly as Rounds 4-12. The mesh glove measures about the same length as the base glove, approx 10 in for Size M, and uses a little less yarn.

The Glove

Round 1: Ch 24 [26, 28], join with a sl st to the first ch to form a ring, being careful not to twist the chain.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each ch around, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 [26, 28] sts)

Rounds 3-12: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st around, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 [26, 28] sts) Repeat this round 10 times total.

Thumb Opening

Round 13 (thumb round): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in the next 17 [19, 21] sts, ch 6, skip the next 6 sts, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. The ch 6 span creates the thumb hole. (18 [20, 22] dc + 6 ch = 24 [26, 28] sts)

Rounds 14-17: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st and each ch around (work a dc into each of the 6 thumb chains), join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 [26, 28] sts) Repeat this round 4 times total.

Cuff

Rounds 18-21: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), (fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st) around, join with a sl st to the first fpdc. (12 [13, 14] fpdc + 12 [13, 14] bpdc = 24 [26, 28] sts) Repeat this round 4 times total for a stretchy ribbed cuff. Fasten off.

Length check: the double crochet section (Rounds 2-17, 16 rounds at 2 rows per inch) measures approx 8 in, and the 4 ribbed cuff rounds add approx 2 in, for a total length of approx 10 in for Size M. Sizes S and L measure slightly shorter and longer with the same round counts.

Second Glove

Repeat Rounds 1-21 exactly as written to make the second glove. No mirroring is needed for fingerless gloves.

Finishing

- Weave in the beginning tail and the fasten-off tail with a tapestry needle, hiding them along the inside of the glove.
- Try the glove on. If the thumb hole feels tight, work 1 round of single crochet evenly around the thumb opening for a clean, slightly stretchier edge.
- Block lightly with steam if needed to even out the stitches. Pair your gloves and enjoy your cozy finished pair.

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