



Thrum Lovin' Mittens

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Thrumming is a technique, more common in knitting, where bits of un-spun fleece are added into your project every couple of stitches as the fabric is being made. This creates a fluffy, incredibly warm lining on the inside of your project, and cute little hearts that decorate the outside. I developed this method of thrumming specifically for single crochet and although it takes a bit of extra time to add the thrums – it is so worth it!

Sizes

Child (Adult S, Adult M/L)

Finished Measurements

Circumference at Ribbing: 5 (7, 7)" [13 (18, 18) cm]

Outer Circumference of Mitten (measured around palm above where thumb splits from hand): 7.5 (10, 10)" [19 (25.5, 25.5) cm]

Height, Including Ribbed Cuff: 8.5 (10, 10.75)" [22 (25.5, 27.5) cm]

A larger-than-normal circumference around hand allows space for thrums. Both adult sizes are the same in circumference; the M/L size accommodates a longer hand/thumb.

Materials

- 130 (152, 165) yds [120 (140, 155) m] of a bulky weight CYCA #5, wool yarn (MC)
- 24 (30, 40) total yds [25 (30, 30) m] of a super-bulky wool roving in a variety of colors or all in one color. This must not be a superwash wool; it must be able to felt
- US H [5.0mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn Needle
- Removeable stitch markers

Yarn

We Crochet Wool of the Andes (bulky weight, CYCA #5, 100% Peruvian Highland wool; 137 yards [130 m] / 3.5 ounces [100 grams]: Cadet #28206, 1 (2, 2) skeins (MC)

We Crochet Tuff Puff (super bulky weight, CYCA #6, 100% wool; 44 yds [45 m] / 3.5 ounces [100 grams]: Cactus Blossom #28057, Chartreuse #28058, Mint #26846, Jelly #28060 approx. 6 (8, 11) yds [6 (8, 10) m] of each color (this is only an approximation, as it depends upon the thrum color-pattern that is used).



Abbreviations

Blp = back loop
Ch = chain
MC = main color
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
RS = right side
SC = single crochet
SC2tog = single crochet decrease
Sl st = slip stitch
St(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side
YO = yarn over
Yoslst = yarn over slip stitch (see Special Stitches)

Gauge

Work through Row 14 of Ribbed Cuff directions. Piece measures 2.5 (3, 3)" [6.5 (7.5, 7.5) cm] wide x 4" [10 cm] long.

13 sts and 14 rnds = 4" [10 cm] over thrummed SC pattern, blocked

To make gauge swatch of thrummed stitch pattern, ch 28 sl st to join to work in the rnd. Follow Thrum Stitch Pattern as written below for 14 rnds. Flatten swatch and measure across 13 sts to check gauge.

Notes

The ribbing for the cuff is worked sideways in turned rows and slip-stitched to form a tube. The body of mitten is worked in the round, without joins from the ribbing to fingertip, in SC thrum stitch pattern.

Turning chains in the ribbing do not count as a stitch.

The body of this mitten is made in continuous rounds, without joining. Use a locking stitch marker to note the beginning of the round. After every few rounds of work, the beginning of rounds will shift by one stitch. This corrects the slanting of stitch columns that is inevitable when working in SC in the round. Directions will dictate when beginning of round must be shifted.

Special Stitches and Techniques

Yarn-over slip stitch (yoslst): Yo, insert hook into stitch, yo and pull up loop, continue to pull loop through both (all) loops on hook

Yarn-over slip stitch through back loop (yoslst blp): stitch worked same as above but worked only through the back loop of stitch (not under both loops as normal)

Thrummed SC Stitch Pattern (worked in the rnd over multiple of 4 sts)

Rnd 1: SC in each of next 2 sts, [thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] until 2 sts remain, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Rnd 2 - 3: SC in each st.

Rnd 4: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] around.

Rnd 5 - 6: SC in each st.

Rnd 7: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in each of next 2 sts, [thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] until 2 sts remain, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Repeat Rnds 2 - 7 for patt.

Making Thrums:

Cut each thrum at about 11" [15 m] in length. Split each 11" [15 m] strand in half the long way – it helps to untwist strand of yarn before splitting. Dampen palm of hand with a drop of water, overlap the beginning and end of thrum by about 1.5" [4 cm] then felt ends together by rolling yarn vigorously between fingers and palm until thrum becomes a ring.

Attaching a Thrum:

Wrap pre-made thrum twice around two fingers of your non-dominant hand. Insert hook into stitch that needs a thrum, insert hook under both strands of thrum and pull through crocheted fabric just until hook with thrums pop through to RS (be careful not to pull thrum all the way through). Insert hook through both loops of the inner-thrum loops (over top of working SC edge), yo with working (MC) yarn and pull through inside-thrum loops, then through the two loops of thrum that were pulled through the crochet fabric, then through the MC loop on hook (in other words, pull MC through all 5 loops) to complete the stitch. Hold inside-thrum loops down as the next SC stitch is made in order to secure it in place. Be sure to watch the video for a demonstration of this technique.



Instructions

Ribbed Cuff:

Ch 10 (12, 12).

Row 1 (RS): Beginning with the second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 yoslst into each of the next 9 (11, 11) sts. 9 (11, 11) yoslst. It may be helpful to use a stitch marker at the beginning and end of each row to help maintain stitch count.

Rows 2-20 (2-28, 2-28): Ch 1, turn, 1 yoslst blp into each st across. Row 20 (28, 28) is a WS row.

Do not fasten off.

Seaming

Ch 1, turn as if to work another row. With RS held together, place foundation row directly in front of last row worked. Slip stitch edges together working through the back loops of the layer in front and the back loops of the layer in back. Sl st in each st across until each st has been worked. Do not fasten off.

Hand:

Rnd 1: Turn cuff so that RS is facing (slip stitch seam will be inside cuff), rotate piece 90 degrees to work a SC edging along row ends as follows: [SC into each of the next 4 (6, 6) row-ends, 2 SC into the following row-end] four times. Tip: each row end is either a ridge or a valley (groove between ridges). Use stitch marker to keep track of beginning of rnds. 24 (32, 32) SC around top edge of cuff.

Rnd 2: SC in each of next 2 sts, [thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 5 (7, 7) times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Rnd 3: SC in each of next 12 (16, 16) sts, 3 SC in next st, SC in each of next 11 (15, 15) sts. 26 (34, 34) SC.

Rnd 4: SC in each of next 13 (17, 17) sts, 3 SC in next st, SC in each of next 12 (16, 16) sts. 28 (36, 36) SC.

Rnd 5: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 7 (9, 9) times.

Child Size Only:

Rnds 6 - 7: SC in each st around.

Rnd 8: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 2 sts, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Adult Sizes Only:

Rnd 6: SC in each of next 18 sts, 3 SC in next st, SC in each of next 17 sts. 38 SC.

Rnd 7: SC in each of next 19 sts, 3 SC in next st, SC in each of next 18 sts. 40 SC.

Rnd 8: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 2 sts, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 9 times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Rnds 9 - 10: SC in each st around.

Rnd 11: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 10 times.

For All Sizes:

Rnd 9 (12, 12) (divide for thumb): SC in each of next 12 (16, 16) sts, ch 2, sk next 6 (10, 10) sts (for thumb), sc in next 10 (14, 14) sts. Place stitch marker in 1st skipped st and leave in place until thumb is worked. 22 (30, 30) SC and 2 chs (excluding sts set aside for thumb).

Rnd 10 (13, 13): SC in each of next 12 (16, 16) sts, SC in each of next 2 chs, SC in each of next 10 (14, 14) sts.

Adult Sizes Only:

Rnd 14: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 2 sts, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 7 times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

Rnds 15 - 16: SC in each st around.

For All Sizes:

Rnd 11 (17, 17): SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 (8) times.

Rnds 12 - 13 (18-19, 18 - 19): SC in each st around.

Rnd 14 (20, 20): SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 2 sts, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 5 (7) times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

For Child (Adult M/L) Sizes Only:

Rnds 15 - 16 (21 - 22): SC in each st around.

Rnd 17 (23): SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 (8) times.

For All Sizes:

Rnd 18 (21, 24): [SC in next st, SC2tog, SC in each of next 7 (11) sts, SC2tog] twice. 20 (28, 28) sts.

Rnd 19 (22, 25): [SC in next st, SC2tog, SC in each of next 5 (9) sts, SC2tog] twice. 16 (24, 24) sts.

For Child (Adult M/L) Sizes Only:

Rnd 20 (26): SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 4 (6) times.

For Adult S Size Only:

Rnd 23: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 2 sts, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 5 times, thrum in next st, SC in last st.

For All Sizes:

Rnd 21 (24, 27): [SC in next st, SC2tog, SC in each of next 3 (7) sts, SC2tog] twice. 12 (20, 20) sts.

For Child Size Only:

Sl st to fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

For Adult Sizes Only:

Rnd 25 (28): [SC in next st, SC2tog twice, SC in next st, SC2tog twice] twice. 12 sts.

Sl st in next st to fasten off leaving long tail for sewing.

For Child Size Thumb:

Rnd 1: Pull up loop of MC in marked st at thumb. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), beginning with same st, SC in each of next 6 sts, SC2tog making first leg of decrease in space where thumb meets hand and second leg in bottom of one of the two chs made when dividing for thumb, SC in bottom of next ch, SC in space where thumb meets hand. Do not join. 9 SC.

For Adult Sizes Thumb:

Rnd 1: Pull up loop of MC in marked st at thumb. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), beginning with same st, SC in each of next 10 sts, SC2tog making first leg of decrease in space where thumb meets hand and second leg in bottom of one of the two chs made when dividing for thumb, SC2tog once more making first leg of decrease in bottom of next ch and second leg of decrease in space where thumb meets hand. Do not join. 12 SC.

For All Sizes:

Rnd 2: SC in each st around.

Rnd 3: [SC in next 2 (3, 3) sts, Thrum in next st] 3 times.

Rnds 4 - 5: SC in each st around.

Rnd 6: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. SC in next 0 (1, 1) st, [Thrum in next st, sc in next 2 (3) sts] 2 times, Thrum in next st, SC in each of next 2 sts.

For Adult S Only:

Rnd 7: SC2tog around. 6 sts remain.

For Adult M/L Only:

Rnds 7 - 8: SC in each st around.

Rnd 9: SC in next st to shift beginning of rnds. The following st counts as the first st of rnd. [SC in next 3 sts, Thrum in next st] 3 times.

Rnd 10: SC2tog around. 6 sts remain.

All sizes

Sl st to fasten off. Using yarn needle, weave yarn tail through front loop of each of the remaining 9 (6, 6) sts and pull tight to close top of thumb.

Finishing

Use yarn tail to sew top of mitten closed using whip stitch. Weave in ends, block if needed.



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