



Kanssakulkijat (Fellow Travellers) Hand Puppet Mittens

Children living in crisis areas often need something warm to wear and something to cheer them up. These mittens can be used both as hand puppets and as warm mittens. The author wishes that you make at least one pair of Kanssakulkijat mittens for children located in crisis locations. Let's help those in need together.

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Crochet Pattern and Abbreviations

The mittens are primarily crocheted with single crochet stitches. All stitches are always crocheted into the back loop of the previous row's stitch.

sc = single crochet
sc2tog = single crochet the next 2 stitches together
inc = single crochet 2 stitches into next stitch
ch = chain stitch
sl st = slip stitch
st = stitch, stitches

Size, Hook, and Yarn and Supplies

2.5-3 mm hook = children's mittens
3.5 mm = adult mittens

Choose yarn suitable for the hook. For children's mittens, about 50 g of DK weight yarn (100 g = 260 m) like Novita Nalle. For adult mittens, about 80 g of Aran weight yarn (100 g = 200 m) like Novita 7 veljestä. Leftover yarns are also suitable as long as they match the hook size.

Additionally, you'll need scissors, a darning needle, and a button.

About the pattern

The mitten is crocheted from the cuff to the tip. The thumb gusset is crocheted on the side of the mitten, allowing the mitten to be worn on either hand.

The decreases for the tip are made as the star decreases. To allow the mittens to be attached to each other, a yarn loop is crocheted at the end of one mitten, and a button is added to the other.

Adult mittens are made using the same pattern as children's mittens. Add an additional 4 rows for the body and 3 rows to the thumb length to make adult size.

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Beginning

Chain 44. Join with a slip st to form a ring.

Rounds 1-16: Sc into the back loop of each stitch, working continuously in a spiral.

Round 17: Begin thumb gusset. Sc 21, place marker, inc, inc, place marker, sc to the end of round (46 sts)

Rounds 18-25: Continue to sc, but inc in first st after the first marker and last st before the second marker. After round 25, the thumb gusset should have 20 sc.

Round 26: Sc 21, ch 2, skip over the 20 st of the thumb gusset, sc 21. Now you should have 44 st in the round.

Rounds 27-41: Sc all st. (If making adult-sized mittens, add 4 rounds).

Decreasing for the tip

Round 42: Begin the decrease for the tip. *Sc 9, sc2tog*. Repeat ** three more times (40 st).

Round 43: *Sc 8, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (36 st).

Round 44: *Sc 7, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (32 st).

Round 45: *Sc 6, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (28 st).

Round 46: *Sc 5, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (24 st).

Round 47: *Sc 4, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (20 st).

Round 48: *Sc 3, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (16 st).

Round 49: Crochet 3 sc together for the entire round. (5 st).

Round 50: Crochet all 5 sc together and pull the yarn through the loop to secure it.

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Thumb

Round 1: Crochet 20 sc into the thumb hole, starting from the ch sts created during round 26.

Round 2: Sc2tog, sc 16, sc2tog (18 st).

Round 3: Sc2tog, sc 14, sc2tog (16 st).

Rounds 4-6: Sc all st. If making adult-sized mittens, crochet 3 additional rounds.

Round 7: Begin decreasing for the tip. *Sc 2, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (12 st).

Round 8: *Sc 1, sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (8 st).

Round 9: *Sc2tog.* Repeat ** three more times (4 st).

Round 10: Sc2tog twice. Pull the yarn through the loop to secure it.

Crochet the second mitten like the first.

Mitten Personalization

You can embroider or crochet noses, eyes, and ears for the characters.

Round Nose, for example for a bear

Chain 3, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: Sc 3.

Round 2: Inc into each st.

Round 3: *Sc 1, inc.* Repeat ** at the end of the round.

Round 4: *Sc 2, inc.* Repeat ** at the end of the round.

Round 5: *Sc 3, inc.* Repeat ** at the end of the round.

Leave a long tail for sewing the nose onto the mitten.



Long Ear, for example for a rabbit

Chain 9.

Row 1: Sc into each st. Turn.

Row 2 - 3: Sc into each st. At the tip of the ear, inc. Sc into each st across the chain. Turn.

Leave a long tail for sewing the ear onto the mitten.



Small Ear, for example for a pig, cat or a fox

You can crochet the ear directly onto the mitten or make it separately and sew it on.

Chain 5 and turn. Alternatively, sc 5 directly into the mitten.

Row 1: Sc all st. Turn. (5 st)

Row 2: Sc2tog, sc 1, sc2tog. Turn. (3 st)

Row 3: Sc 3. Turn. (3 sts)

Row 4: Sc2tog, sc 1. Turn. (2 sts)

Row 5: Sc2tog and pull the yarn through the loop to secure it.

Leave a long tail for sewing the ear onto the mitten.



Finishing

Crochet a yarn loop at the edge of one mitten. Attach a button to the edge of the other mitten. Weave in any loose ends. Steam or wash the mittens. Celebrate the journey you've taken and donate the mittens!

Sending

If you would like to send the Kanssakulkijat Mittens to children in Ukraine, you can mail them directly to following Finnish organisation:

- FinAid ry, Alppikylänkatu 22 D 35, 00770 Helsinki. Phone: 0451041115. (<https://finaid.fi/>)

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If you live outside of Finland, please contact your local organisations. You can find them for example in facebook.

