

magical mermaid fingerless gloves

One size - women's medium

This pattern is the magical result of numerous attempts, some were too bulky, some didn't seem to fill out properly, some didn't have the right amount of space between the shell spaces. Then one day... These emerged with just enough bulk, just enough scales, and just delicate enough on the bottom to balance the magical mermaid scales on top!

This rounds of this pattern are worked continuously so that the end of one round of crocodile stitches blends right into the next row, eliminating extra bulk at the beginning of each round. You should be familiar with the mechanics of the crocodile stitch before attempting this pattern (youtube can help!).

Have fun and be magical!

Materials:

DK or light worsted weight yarn
Size 4.0mm/G hook
Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends, optional)

Foundation Chain:

Ch 36. Sl st into 1st ch to join.

Mermaid Scales:

Round 1: Ch3, DC into 1st ch. [*Ch 2, skip next 2 ch, DC into next ch. Ch 2, skip next 2 ch, 2 DC into next ch] Repeat from * 4 more times. End with Ch 2, skip next 2 ch, DC into next ch.

NOTE: For the top Crocodile stitch portion of the mitts, you will NOT be joining rounds. One round leads directly into the next.

Round 2: Croc st into first 2 DC.

Crocodile stitch: Turn work clockwise so that the 1st DC is parallel to you. Work 5 DC into the post of the first DC, working stitches from left to right. Ch 1. Turn work counterclockwise so that the 2nd DC is parallel to you. Work 5 DC into the post of the 2nd DC, working stitches from left to right. Sk ch-2 space and sl st into DC to secure croc st to previous round.

Repeat croc st 6 more times, working the stitches into the 2 DC and securing the end of each croc st into the 1 DC.

After securing last croc st to the final 1 DC, you will immediately begin the next round.

Round 3: Ch 3, DC into same st. [*Ch 2. DC in center of croc st. Ch 2. 2 DC in DC from Round 1 (stitch in between 2 croc sts)] Repeat from * 4 more times. End with ch 2. DC in center of croc st. Immediately begin Round 4.

Round 4-13: Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 five more times.

Round 14: Repeat Round 2 one more time.



Shell Pattern:

Round 15: Ch 12. Sk 1 croc st. Sl st to join w/ DC between 2 croc sts. Ch 3. 2 DC in same st. Ch 1. [*3 DC in center of croc st. Ch 1. 3 DC in st between 2 croc sts. Ch 1.] Repeat 3 more times from *. 3DC in center of next croc st. Ch 1.

You have now reached the Ch 12 from the beginning of the round for the thumb. 3 DC in 1st ch. Ch 1. Sk 2 ch. [*3 DC into next ch. Ch 1. Sk 2 ch.] Repeat from * 2 more times. Sl st. to join with top of ch 3 from 1st shell.

Begin Decreases

Round 16: Sl st into next 2 DC. Sl st into ch-1 sp. Ch 3. 2 DC into same space. Ch 1. [*3 DC into next ch-1 sp. Ch 1.] Repeat from * until you reach the shells that were made along the thumb hole. Repeat [*] one more time.

1 DC in next ch-1 sp. DC3tog over the 3DC of the next shell. DC in next ch-1 sp. One shell decreased.

Ch 1. Repeat [*] one more time. Sl st with top ch in ch-3 to join.

Round 17: Repeat Round 16.

Round 18-20: Continue following the shell pattern and decrease along the center stitches of the thumb by DC3tog.

Round 21-25 (or until you reach your desired length): Continue with shell pattern of 3DC and ch 1 in each ch-1 sp.

Round 26 (or final round): Sl st along each DC and create a picot st in each ch-1 sp [sl st in ch-1 sp, ch 4, sl st in ch-1 sp].

Weave in ends and wear proudly like the magical mermaid you are!