

## Bosnian Crochet Mittens



These are the warmest mittens I have ever worn. They are easy to make and a good project to learn how to crochet with.

There are YouTube videos for Bosnian Crochet that are pretty good. I liked the one done by DROPS.

Use a worsted or chunky weight yarn and a crochet hook that works for that yarn weight. My example is a chunky weight acrylic/wool blend yarn and size K crochet hook.

1. Create a chain about 8 inches long (or whatever wrist measurement you want to make—think about it fitting not too tight or not too loose).
2. Row 1 crochet into the 'bump' of the chain stitches till you get back to the beginning.
3. Row 2 join the ends together to create a circle, being careful not to twist the chain, and single stitch along the edge of the circle. (This is the green yarn example in the DROPS YouTube video)
4. Continue to single stitch, horizontal stitch, along the edge of the circle until the mitten cuff measures about 1 inch.
5. Switch to the vertical stitch (white yarn example in the DROPS YouTube video) and continue for about 5 inches or to the base of your thumb.
6. Loosely chain 5 stitches at beginning of row, sk 5 stitches, join chain with single stitch in 5<sup>th</sup> stitch then continue with single stitch around until piece measures 9.5 inches. (Row immediately following thumb hole – be sure to place first 5 stitches into the chain you made on the previous row).
7. Decreasing – begin decreasing by slip stitching into every other stitch. Crochet 1 row without decreases, then on the next row decrease by skipping over every other single stitch around row. Crochet another row with decreases (you should have 3-4 stitches remaining). Pull yarn through the remaining stitches and pull tight, fasten neatly, and weave in ends.
8. Thumb – single stitch 10 stitches into thumb hole and continue around until thumb measures approximately 2 inches. Decrease by skipping every other stitch, weave end of yarn through remaining stitches to close, pull tightly and weave in ends.
9. Repeat all steps for a 2<sup>nd</sup> mitten. This pattern has not left or right mitten both are made the same.