



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



XMAS MITTENS

MATERIALS

2 balls of Vasto by Laines Du Nord in color O8 (red)
US7/4.5mm crochet hook.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Intermediate

ABBREVIATIONS

st = stitch; **ch** = chain; **sl st** = slip stitch; **sc** = single crochet; **dc** = double crochet; **dtr** = double treble crochet; **RS** = right side; **WS** = wrong side; **rep** = repeat; **cont** = continue.

Double Crochet in back loop: yarn over, insert hook only into the back loop of the stitch and work 1dc.

Dc embossed in front: yarn over, insert the hook horizontally into the space to the right of the column of the next st (from front to back) and let it come out on the front, to the left of the same column, yarn over and pull back the hook (from the front, towards the back and again from the front) around the same column, pulling out a loop, then complete the dc as normal.

Twisted st: work on 8sts.

Round 1 (RS): 1dc into the next st, skip 3dc, 1dtr in each of the next 3sts, 1dtr in each of the next 3 skipped sts, passing behind the 3dtr just worked, 1dc into the next st.

Round 2 (RS): 1dc into next st, 1dc embossed in front on each of the next 6sts, 1dc into the next st.

Round 3 (RS): 1dc into next st, 1dc embossed in front on each of the next 6sts, 1dc into the next st.

Rep rounds 1 – 3 until the required length is reached.

MITTEN

With US7/4.5mm crochet hook, make 32ch and join with a sl st to form a circle.

Round 1: 3ch, 1dc in 1st ch and in every ch to end, sl st into the 1st dc of the round [32dc]

Round 2: 3ch, [1 dc in back loop in each of the next 14sts, dc2tog] twice, sl st into the 1st dc of the round [30dc]

Rounds 3-8: 3ch (count as 1dc here and further on), 1dc into the next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into the next 18sts, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning. [30sts]

Now, start shaping the mitten on one side to create the thumb, always keeping the 8sts worked in twisted st.

Round 9: 3ch and 1dc into 1st st (1 st increased), 1dc into next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 17sts, 2dc into last st. (1 st increased), sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning. [32sts]

Round 10: 3ch, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 17sts, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into next st, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning. [34sts]

Round 11: 3ch, 1dc into next st, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 17sts, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into the last 2sts, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [36sts]

Round 12: 3ch, 1dc into next 2sts, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 17sts, 2dc into next st (1 st increased), 1dc into the last sts, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [38sts]

Make the space for the thumb as follows:

Round 13: sl st into each of the next 4sts, 3ch and 1dc (1 st increased) into the 2nd st of the 1st increase of previous round, 1dc into the next 3sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into the next 17sts, 2dc in the 1st st of the increase of the previous round (1 st increased), 1ch, skip the next 8sts (thumb-space) and close with a sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning. [32sts, 1 1ch-space]

Now, cont only on the sts of the upper part of the mitten, temporarily leaving aside the sts for the thumb.

Round 14: 3ch, 1dc into next 4sts, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 19sts, 1dc into next ch, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [33sts]

Rounds 15-19: 3ch, 4dc, work 8sts in twisted st, 1dc into next 20sts, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [33sts]

At 8"/20cm from the beginning start decreasing to shape the tip.

Round 20: 3ch, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, work 6 central sts of the twisted st [1dc, dc2tog] 7 times, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [24sts]

Round 21: 3ch, 1dc into next 3sts, work 6 central sts of the twisted st, 1dc into next 14sts, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning. [24sts]

Round 22: 2ch, [dc2tog] 12 times, including sts of the twisted st, sl st on top of the 1st group of round [12sts]

Round 23: 1ch, [sc2tog] 6 times, sl st on top of the 1st group of round. (6sts)

Cut the yarn and close, leaving a long tail.

Insert tail into tapestry needle and pass it through the sts of the last round, pull the thread to tighten the sts and close the center hole.

Thumb

Round 1: With RS facing join the yarn with a sl st to the 3rd ch from the beginning of round 12 (central st of the 8dc not worked of the thumb-space), 3ch, 1dc into each of the next 2dc not worked on round 12, 2dc into the next dc not worked, (3 groups of 2dc closed together) in the last ch of round 13 (back side of the thumb), 1dc into the last 4sts not worked of round 12, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [12sts]

Rounds 2 and 3: 3ch, 1dc in every st of the round, sl st into the 3rd ch from the beginning [12sts]

Try on the mitten and, if necessary, work one more round before the last round.

Last Round: 1ch, [sc2tog] 6 times, sl st to top of the 1st group of round.

Cut the yarn and fasten off, leaving a long tail to tighten and close the sts as in the last round of the mitten.

Make the 2nd mitten working the twisted st on the back of the hand.