

A Muff for September

I love Catherynne M. Valente's Fairyland series. The characters are charming, the landscape is rich and wonderful, the plot is just the thing for someone looking to find their way back into fairyland after so many reading years absent. This muff is just the thing for September as she journeys about as the Green Wind. It will keep her hands warm while the blue color will remind her of her dear Saturday.

This muff is worked in several sections. You start with the cuff, work one side, flip it inside out, and work the other side, finishing with the second cuff. This makes a neat reversible muff with a striped side and a textured side. The textured side is a bit shorter than the striped side which fills out both sides nicely so they don't look flat but also require no extra stuffing. I used Tosh Sock in two colors. If you chose to do this in one color, you would only need three hanks of yarn.



Hook sizes: 3.25 mm and 3.75 mm

Yarn: Main color: 2 hanks of Tosh Sock in Ceremony

Contrast color: 2 hanks of Tosh Sock in Antique Lace

Gauge: Ribbed cuff - 2" x 2" = 13 st x 8 rows

Striped body section - 4" x 4" = 28 st x 27 rows

Textured body section - 4" x 4" = 25 stitches x 24 rows
 Finished size: 18" long (with cuffs) x 18" around
 Cuffs: 4 1/4" long by 6 1/4" around

Definitions:

- fdc - foundation double crochet
- fpdc - front post double crochet
- bpdc - back post double crochet
- sc tog - single crochet together (work one single crochet over two stitches as a decrease stitch)
- mc - main color
- cc - contrast color

Traditional pattern	
Section I	
Ribbed cuff	
Begin using mc - do not turn for entire cuff	
Row 1	Using 3.25 mm hook, ch 3, Fdc 42 st inc beg ch, sl st into top of beg ch, do not turn
Row 2	Ch 2, fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st, repeat to end on fpdc, sl st into top of beg ch
Rows 3 to 21	Repeat row 2
Row 22	Ch 1, sc, flo in same st as join, sc flo in each st around, 42 st.
Row 23	Switch to 3.75 mm hook, ch 1, sc in each st around, 42 st.
Begin increase gusset	
Row 24	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 48 st.
Row 25	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 60 st.
Row 26	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each 2 st., sl st into first st. 72 st.
Row 27	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 84 st.
Row 28	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 96 st.
Row 29	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 108 st.
Row 30	Ch 1, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 10 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 120 st.
Begin body of muff	
Row 31	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 1, sk st, *sc in next st, ch 1, skip st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st
Row 32	Ch 1, sc in first 2 st, ch 1, *sk st, sc into ch sp, ch 1*, rep ** to last sc, sc in last st, sl into first st
Row 33	Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 1, *sc, in next ch sp, ch 1, skip st*, rep ** to last sc sc, sc in last st, sl st in first st. Change to cc at join
Rows 34 - 87	Repeat rows 32 and 33, changing color every third row, ending with mc
Begin decrease gusset	

Row 88	Ch I, sc in each st around, join round with sl st. 120 st.
Row 89	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 8 st, sc tog, 5 sc in each of next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 108 st
Row 90	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 6 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st 96 st.
Row 91	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 4 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 84 st
Row 92	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 2 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 72 st.
Row 93	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in next st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 60 st
Row 94	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 48 st.
Row 95	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st, end off yarn. 42 st.
Turn muff to other side and reattach yarn to back loop at beginning of row left unworked just before gusset section for the reverse side. Begin in mc. Use 3.75 mm hook. Section 2 starts with Row I of Section 2	
Section 2	Do not turn while working this section
Begin increase gusset	
Row I	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 48 st.
Row 2	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 60 st.
Row 3	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 72 st.
Row 4	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 84 st.
Row 5	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 96 st.
Row 6	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 108 st.
Row 7	Ch I, 3 sc, *2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 10 st, 2 sc inc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 5 st,* rep **, to last 2 sc, sc in each st., sl st into first st. 120 st. Change to cc on last join.
Begin body of muff	
Row 8	Ch I, sc in same st as join, *fpdc around next st, sc*, rep ** around to last st, end on sc, sl st in first st to join
Row 9	Ch I, sc in same st as join, sc in each st, sl st into first st to join
Row 10	Ch I, fpdc in same st as join, *sc, fpdc in next st*, rep ** around to last st, end on fpdc, sl st into first st to join
Row 11	Ch I, sc in same st as join, sc in each st, sl st into first st to join
Rows 12 - 51	Repeat rows 8 -11 ten times, change to mc on last join
Begin decrease gusset	
Row 52	Ch I, sc in each st around, join round with sl st. 120 st.
Row 53	Ch I, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 8 st, sc tog, 5 sc in each of next 5 st*, rep ** to

	last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 108 st
Row 54	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 6 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st 96 st.
Row 55	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 4 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 84 st
Row 56	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in each of next 2 st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 72 st.
Row 57	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc in next st, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 60 st
Row 58	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st. 48 st.
Row 59	Ch 1, 3 sc, *sc tog, 5 sc in next 5 st*, rep ** to last 2 st, sc in each st, sl st into first st, end off yarn. 42 st.
Turn muff to other side and work in both loops of both stitches from each side. Section 3 starts with row I of Section 3	
Section 3	Do not turn, switch to 3.25 hook
Ribbed cuff	
Row 1	Holding the last rows of the two gussets together, work through both loops of sc on both rows, 4 loops total. Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in each st around, sl st in first st to join. 42 st.
Row 2	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st into top of tc to join, 42 stitches
Row 3	Ch 2, fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st, repeat to end on fpdc, sl st into top of beg ch
Rows 4 - 22	Repeat row 3

Many of the ends can be trapped inside the muff when you close it off by adding the cuff. Weave those remains and wash.