Easy Victorian Shell Mitts
Yarn - 2 skeins Knit Picks Main Line (Dusty Lavender pictured) or 160 yds of any aran/worsted weight yarn.

Hook - G

Skill Level - Easy Peasy
Size - One size fits most. However, you can make the mitts smaller by crocheting 4 fewer rows on the wrist ribbing. ( 4 rows $=2$ rows of rib $=1$ shell and 1 dc .) You can size them up by adding 4 rows of sc on the wrist ribbing, thereby adding 2 rows of rib, one shell and 1 dc in the body of the mitts. You'll need to adjust your shell/dc count accordingly in the body of the pattern.

Matching Nail Polish - Optional. ::wink::
Pattern stitches used - Beginning shell $=\mathrm{Ch} 3$, dc, ch1 , 2 dc in same space.
Shell-2 dc, ch1, 2 dc in same space.
Gauge -3 shells $/ 3$ dc (in pattern) $=4 " 7$ rows of shells $=4 "$
Finished size: 4 " wide in lace portion, $71 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long, bottom of ribbing to top of lace.

## PATTERN:

Ch 10.
Note: For rows 1 through 22 in wrist ribbing, sc in back loop only.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, ch 1, turn. 9 sc .
Rows 2-22: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.
Row 23: Bring row 1 to meet row 22, matching stitches. Sl st row 1 and row 22 together. 11 ridges made.
Break yarn. Turn cuff inside out (so sl st edge is inside) and turn cuff so the ridges are running vertically, attach yarn with sl st in the side of the 1 st sc in row 1.
Lace portion:
Row 1: Ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc ) in same space (beginning shell made), *sk next sc row on cuff, dc in side of 1st sc in next row, sk next sc row on cuff, shell in side of sc in next row,* repeat between *'s 4 times more. Sk next row end, dc in side of next sc side, sl st in top of beg. ch 3. (Depending on how you slip stitched the ends together, you may or may not have a complete sc row to put your last dc in. If you can't skip a row, just put it in the next row. No harm, no foul. Honest - it really won't make a difference.) You now have 6 shell/dc combos around.
Note: You can make the mitts long or shorter here. simply crochet more shell rows if you want them longer, fewer if you want them shorter.
Shell rows 2-7: Sl st in next dc and ch sp, beg shell, (dc in next dc, shell in next shell) around, ending with dc in dc, sl st in beg. ch 3 .

Row 8: (Creating thumb space) Sl st in next 7 stitches, sl st in ch 1 of shell, beg shell, *dc in next dc, shell in next shell* 4 times, ch 1 , sl st in to of beg ch. 3. (You have skipped one shell and 2 dcs to make the thumb opening.)
Row 9: Sl st in next dc \& ch 1 space, beg shell, (dc in next dc, shell in next shell) around, ending dc in ch 1 between shells, sl st in top of beginning ch 3 . (You've added one dc back into your row.)
Rows 10-11: Sl st in next dc and ch 1 space, beg shell, (dc in next dc, shell in next shell) around, ending with sl st in top of beginning ch 3 .
Fasten off, weave in ends, enjoy!
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