Baby ballet slippers

3 to 6 months, foot 4 in (10 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide at the sole, and about 6½ in (16.5 cm) round at the opening

To fit a foot of 4 in (10 cm)

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows and rounds, with 4 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: blush, the slippers **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: rose, the edging and the bows **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn to 3 months	3½ in (9 cm)	3½ in (9 cm) long, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 55 yd (50 m)
3 to 6 months (this file)	**4 in (10 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 60 yd (55 m)**
6 to 12 months	4½ in (11.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)
12 to 18 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 80 yd (73 m)
18 to 24 months	5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 100 yd (91 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
BLO	back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 together): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops; do the same in the st after it; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2. It leaves 1 dc for the next row.

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one. To check it as you go: after the last round of the sole, the sole is about 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

Before you start

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and choose the size with the nearest foot length.
- The pattern makes a pair. The foot length is the length of the foot; the finished sole is about as long.
- The piece is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The right side always faces you and the work is not turned, except where a line says so.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. A color that rests for 4 rounds or fewer can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut one that rests longer, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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Instructions

Chosen: 3 to 6 months, foot 4 in (10 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Slipper: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, blush; B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 10 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(50 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

Sides

The next round is worked in the back loops only, which turns the sole up into the sides.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(50 sc)**

Toe

The decreases lie over the front of the foot only, opposite the middle of the heel, which lies between the last 2 stitches of the round; the back is worked plain.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 19 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 21 sts	**(40 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 17 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 18 sts	**(35 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 15 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 17 sts	**(32 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 13 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 15 sts	**(28 sc, 4 dc)**

Edging

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Bow: make 2

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm).	

Finishing

- Make the second piece the same; left and right are alike.
- Run the tail of each bow through the stitches to the middle of the strip. Pinch the bow there, wind the tail tightly round the middle 6 times, and sew it with the rest of the tail to the middle of the toe, just below the opening.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces; 1,004 stitches (475 in each slipper, 27 in each bow); 12 ends to weave in.

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