Baby button loafers

6 to 12 months, foot 4½ in (11.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
The sole is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide; the opening, measured over the tongue, is about 6¼ in (16 cm) round: 22 stitches of the back edge and 9 of the apron
To fit a foot of 4½ in (11.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Light (3), 3 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: slate, the sides, the apron and the tongue	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, the sole and its edge, the seam and the band	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ink, the buttons and the heel patch	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, two pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
3 to 6 months	4 in (10 cm)	4 in (10 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 80 yd (73 m)
6 to 12 months (this file)	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
12 to 18 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 90 yd (82 m)
18 to 24 months	5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 115 yd (105 m)

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Abbreviations

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

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

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

dc2tog (Double crochet 2 together (UK tr2tog)): 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.

Gauge

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

After the last round of the sole, the sole is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

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.

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 finished sole is about as long as the foot.
- 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 in the parts that are in rows.
- 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 buttons are crocheted. Sew them on firmly and look at them before each wear.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

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Instructions

Chosen: 6 to 12 months, foot 4½ in (11.5 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 and sc is double crochet.

Loafer: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; A, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 16.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 13 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 13 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(56 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide. The middle of the heel lies between the last two stitches of a round, and the middle of the toe is opposite.

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	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, sc in each st around	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(56 sc)**

Toe

One round gathers the toe. Its decreases lie opposite the heel.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 14 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 13 times**, sc in next 16 sts	**(30 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. This sl st is not a stitch of the round: later, work through it and the stitch under it as one.	

Apron: make 2

Yarn A, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 8**	Repeat row 4. (9 sc)	

A box for each row, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8

Tongue

The tongue goes on from the apron. Its rows are not sewn in.

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Hide both tails on the wrong side.	

Seam: make 2

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	Lay the apron in the toe with its foundation chain at the front, wrong sides together and edges level, and hold the loafer with its outside toward you. Work every stitch through both loops of the loafer and then through the edge of the apron: join B with a sl st in the first of 21 places: 21 stitches of the loafer. They are stitches 11 to 31 of Rnd 9. They are matched, in order, with 8 row ends of the apron from Row 8 down to Row 1, its 5 foundation chains, and its other 8 row ends from Row 1 up to Row 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 20 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and take both tails to the inside.	

Back edge: make 2

Yarn A, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with, join A with a sl st in the first of 22 places: 22 stitches of the loafer. They are the stitches that the seam left: from stitch 32 of Rnd 9 to the end of the round, then stitches 1 to 10. The tongue stays free.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 21 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. With the yarn needle run this tail down the inside through the ends of Rows 3 and 2 to the end of Row 1.	

Band: make 2

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 15, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

Heel patch: make 2

Yarn C, ink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) to sew with.	

Button: make 4

Yarn C, ink.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	7 sc in MR	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Pull the ring closed, sl st in the first sc and fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The right side is the front.	

Finishing

- Band: pin a band across the apron, its back long side level with the top of Row 8 of the apron, with the tongue standing up behind it, and the same length over on each side. The two ends reach over the seam and lie on the sides. Sew each short end down, and 2 stitches of each long side from that end, with the tail that is there.
- Heel patch: lay the foundation edge of the patch along the top of Rnd 6, the first round of the sides, with the middle of the patch (its 6th stitch) over the middle of the heel, and its narrow end up; pin it with its right side, the side that faces you in Row 1, outward. Sew it down all round with its tail.
- Make the second loafer the same; left and right are alike.
- Ends of the back edge: each short end of its 3 rows stands beside a side of the tongue. Row 1 begins just after the last stitch of the seam and ends just before the first stitch of the seam. With the tail of the join sew the beginning of Row 1 to the last stitch of the seam; with the tail that was run down, sew the end of Row 1 to the first stitch of the seam.
- Sew a button to the band near each end, with its middle over the 4th stitch from the short end.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 12 pieces; 1,458 stitches (431 in each loafer, 92 in each apron, 21 in each seam, 66 in each back edge, 56 in each band, 49 in each heel patch, 7 in each button).

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