# Baby combat boots

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 is about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round. The leg, above the ankle, is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall (13 rows of the leg)**
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: dark brown, the sole, its rim, the tongue and the back loop **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: olive green, the foot and the leg **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the laces **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 4 stitch markers, 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 |
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| **3 to 6 months** | 4 in (10 cm) | 4 in (10 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide | about 135 yd (123 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 160 yd (146 m)** |
| **12 to 18 months** | 5 in (12.5 cm) | 5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide | about 170 yd (155 m) |
| **18 to 24 months** | 5½ in (14 cm) | 5½ in (14 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide | about 205 yd (187 m) |


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## Abbreviations

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

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| **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) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **RS** | right side |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **st** | stitch |
| **sp** | space |
| **sk** | skip |

### 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 Rnd 5, 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 foot length is the length of the foot; the finished sole is about as long.
- The boot is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of a round is worked into the first stitch of the round before. The first stitch of each round of the boot is at the back, a little to one side of the middle of the heel. Keep one marker in it and move it up every round.
- The right side, which is the outside, always faces you and the work is not turned, except in the parts and lines that say so.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row or of a joined round is not counted and is not worked into; the first stitch of a joined round goes into the stitch that holds the joining sl st.
- 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).


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- Tie the laces with both ends short, and look at them each time the boots are worn.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

## 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, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and hdc is half treble.

### Boot: make 2

**Yarns in order of use: A, dark brown; B, olive green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 16. | |

#### Sole

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| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 13 chs, 3 sc in last ch,<br>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,<br>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**,<br>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**,<br>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**,<br>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 toe is stitch 26 of Rnd 5, straight across from the middle of the heel; put a second marker in it and move it up into the stitch above it in every round as far as the last round of the toe; then take it out.

#### Sides

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

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| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Sc in BLO of each st around | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Sc in each st around | **(56 sc)** |

The next round is worked in the back loops only, which leaves a rim of A round the foot.

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| ☐ **Rnd 8** | With B, sc in BLO of each st around | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Sc in each st around | **(56 sc)** |

#### Toe

In each of the next rounds the dc in the middle stands on the middle stitch of the toe, the one with the second marker.

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| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Sc in next 19 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st,<br>**[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 24 sts | **(43 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Sc in next 17 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st,<br>**[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts | **(39 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 12** | Sc in next 17 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts | **(39 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | Sc in next 16 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 21 sts | **(37 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | Sc in next 15 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 20 sts | **(35 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 15** | Sc in next 14 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 19 sts | **(33 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 16** | Sc in next 13 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts | **(31 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 17** | Sc in next 12 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 17 sts | **(29 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)** |

### Ankle

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| ☐ **Rnd 18** | Sc in each st around | **(36 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. The sl st is not a stitch of the edge: work into the sc that holds it as into any other. In Rnd 18, the last one, put markers in stitches 14 and 18; these two and the 3 stitches between them are the front, and the tongue stands on them. A spiral leans. Before you mark them, fold the boot flat along its length, with the middle of the heel at one fold: if the fold at the front comes 1 or more stitches later in the round than stitch 16, add that many to these two numbers. | |

## Leg: make 2

**Yarn B, olive green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 31 places, beginning in the stitch after the second marked one: 31 stitches of the boot. They go round the back and end in the stitch before the first marked one. Work one on each boot. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 30 sts | **(31 sc)** |

Each row with ch-1 spaces makes a pair of eyelets for the lace, one beside each front edge.

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| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 27 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st | **(29 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 27 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in last st | **(31 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(31 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 5 to 13** | Repeat rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, row 13, is worked as row 4. | |

A box for each row, 5 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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## Tongue: make 2

**Yarn A, dark brown.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 5 places, beginning in the first marked stitch: 5 stitches of the boot. They end in the second marked stitch. Take the markers out. Work one on each boot. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | 2 sc in same st as the join, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(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, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(7 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog | **(5 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. The tongue lies behind the two front edges of the leg and stands a little above it; its own edges stay free. | |

## Lace: make 2

**Yarn C, cream.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, make a slip knot. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Ch 115 | **(115 ch)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off and weave both tails back into the chain. | |

## Back loop: make 2

**Yarn A, dark brown.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 11, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across | **(10 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(10 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The strip now has a tail at each of its two short ends. | |

## Finishing

- Back loops: the middle of the back is stitch 16 of the last row of the leg. Fold a back loop in half across its length over that place, right side out, so that the line between its two rows stands on the middle of it. One end lies on the outside of the leg and the other on the inside, each reaching 3 rows down from the top edge; the rest stands up as a loop. Sew the end on the outside down with the tail that hangs there, and the end on the inside with the other tail.
- Make the second boot the same; left and right are alike.
- Laces: the two ch-1 spaces of one row of the leg are a pair of eyelets. From the ankle up, Row 2 has pair 1, Row 5 has pair 2, Row 8 has pair 3 and Row 11 has pair 4. Right and left are as you look at the front of the boot. On the inside the lace lies between the leg and the tongue all the way. Lay the middle of a lace straight across the outside from one eyelet of pair 1 to the other, and with the hook take both ends in through these two eyelets.
- Right end: take it up on the inside to the right eyelet of pair 2, out through it, straight across the outside, in through the left eyelet of pair 2, up on the inside to the left eyelet of pair 4 and out through it.
- Left end: take it up on the inside to the left eyelet of pair 3, out through it, straight across the outside, in through the right eyelet of pair 3, up on the inside to the right eyelet of pair 4 and out through it. Three straight bars now lie one above another, and both ends are on the outside at pair 4. Tie them in a bow over the tongue.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces; 2,932 stitches (826 in each boot, 395 in each leg, 110 in each tongue, 115 in each lace, 20 in each back loop).

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