Baby gladiator sandals

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



Finished size

The double sole is about 4¾ in (12 cm) long and about 2 in (5 cm) wide at the toe, with its ridge; the heel cup is about 1 in (2.5 cm) high (6 rows of the heel cup), and the ankle cuff is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long (29 stitches) and about ¾ in (2 cm) wide (4 rows of the ankle cuff)

To fit a foot of 4½ in (11.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: caramel, the ridge, the heel cup and the straps **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: natural, the soles **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: gold, the buttons **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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
Newborn to 3 months	3½ in (9 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)
3 to 6 months	4 in (10 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 85 yd (78 m)
6 to 12 months (this file)	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**4¾ in (12 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide**	**about 90 yd (82 m)**
12 to 18 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 100 yd (91 m)
18 to 24 months	5½ in (14 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide	about 120 yd (110 m)

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Gauge

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

After the last round of a sole, it is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long.

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.

Notes

- 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; halfway between two sizes, take the larger.
- The pattern makes a pair. The finished double sole, with its ridge, is a little longer than the foot.
- Each sole and each button is worked 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. The ridge is one joined round.
- All other flat pieces are worked in rows and the work is turned at the end of every row. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first sc goes into the first st.
- A smooth cotton yarn holds the shape and can be washed. A crocheted sole slips on smooth floors: for a baby who stands or walks, sew patches of suede under the soles.
- For a baby the buttons are crocheted, not bought. 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 (MR): wrap the yarn round two fingers to form a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it.

Instructions

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

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

FLO: only the loop nearest you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 7 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.

(34 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

Sole: make 4

Yarn B, natural.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 17.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 14 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 14 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(34 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(20 sc, 20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(46 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc, 26 hdc)
☐ **End**	Laid flat, the sole is now about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1½ in (4 cm) wide at the toe, which is a little wider than the heel. The end where the rounds begin is the heel. Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Ridge: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	Weave in the tails of the soles on their wrong sides. The middle of the heel lies between the last 2 stitches of Rnd 4. Lay two soles together with the wrong sides inside and heel to heel, so that the last stitch of each lies against the stitch before the last of the other. With the right side of one sole facing you, join A with a sl st in its last stitch. Every stitch of the ridge goes through both loops of both soles. The sl st that leveled the edge is not a stitch: work through it and the stitch under it as one. Where a stitch of one sole lies against a stitch of another height, work into their tops as they lie.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 51 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The side of the double sole that faced you is its top. Number the stitches of the ridge from the middle of the heel: the first stitch of the ridge is 1, the last is 52, and the middle of the toe lies between 26 and 27. With the toe pointing away from you and the top up, numbers 1 to 26 are the right-hand side and numbers 27 to 52 the left-hand side.	

Heel cup: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With the top of the double sole facing you, join A with a sl st in the first of 18 places, numbers 44 to 52 and then 1 to 9: 18 stitches of the ridge. Go round the heel in the direction of the ridge. Row 1 goes into the front loops only, the loops nearer to you, so that the cup stands up a little inside the edge; the back loops stay as a line round the heel. Both sides of the cup look alike.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in FLO of same st as the join, sc in FLO of next 17 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

First strap: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in each st across	(11 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

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Second strap: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in each st across	(13 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Third strap: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in each st across	(13 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Fourth strap: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in each st across	(13 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

T bar: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(17 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. The short end with this tail is the upper end.	

Ankle cuff: make 2

Yarn A, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 30.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Make two button loops on this short end: ch 5, sl st in the end of Row 3, ch 5, sl st in the end of Row 1. Fasten off. The short end with the loops is the loop end; the other is the plain end.	

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Button: make 4

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm). Pull the ring closed and push the starting tail inside for a filling. Run the long tail through the front loops of the 6 stitches of the last round, draw it up tightly and knot it: the button is a small ball. Keep the rest of the tail to sew with.	

Finishing

- Straps: stand the two short ends of each strap on the ridge, one on the right-hand side and one on the left-hand side: the first strap at numbers 21 and 22 and at numbers 31 and 32, the second strap at numbers 18 and 19 and at numbers 34 and 35, the third strap at numbers 15 and 16 and at numbers 37 and 38, the fourth strap at numbers 12 and 13 and at numbers 40 and 41. On all of them the edge of the first row lies toward the toe, and the side that faced you in Row 1 is the outside. Sew each short end with its tail, the end of 1 row to the front loop of 1 stitch of the ridge, so that the strap stands up from the edge and arches over the foot.
- Ankle cuff: on the right sandal the plain end lies on the right-hand side of the foot, and the cuff goes from there round the back, the left-hand side and the front and laps over its own beginning. On the left sandal the plain end lies on the left-hand side and the cuff goes round the other way. Both sides of the cuff look alike. With a piece of A 20 in (51 cm) long sew the foundation chain of the cuff to the last row of the heel cup, edge to edge: leave the first 7 stitches from the plain end free, sew the next 10 to the 10 stitches of the cup, 1 to 1, and leave the long end free.
- Upper end of the T bar: lay its last ¾ in (2 cm) on the outside of the cuff, over the 25th and the 26th stitch from the plain end, with its short end level with the upper edge of the cuff. Sew it down along its three edges with its tail.
- Make the second sandal the same as far as the ankle cuff. Left and right differ only in the side on which the cuff is buttoned.
- T bar: lay it along the middle of the four straps, on their outside, with the side that faced you in its Row 1 up and its lower end level with the edge of the first strap that is nearer to the toe. With the long tail at the lower end sew it to each strap where they cross, along both long edges, and pass the needle along the side that lies under from strap to strap. The rest of the T bar stands free behind the fourth strap.
- Buttons: button the loops to the outer side of the foot. Sew two buttons, one above the other, to the outside of the plain end, over the 5th stitch from its short edge: one over Row 1 and one over Row 4. Each loop goes over one button.
- Weave in every tail that is left.

In all: 20 pieces; 1,516 stitches.

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