Baby huarache sandals

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



Finished size

The double sole is about 4 7/8 in (12.5 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 strap is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long (29 stitches), without its loop

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: saddle brown, the ridge, the heel cup, three of the strips and the ankle strap — **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: turquoise, one strip and the button — **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: cream, the soles and one strip — **about 45 yd (41 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, 1 5/8 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)**	**4 7/8 in (12.5 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)	5 7/8 in (15 cm) long, 2 3/8 in (6 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 C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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 1 5/8 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, saddle brown.

☐ **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, saddle brown.

☐ **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 brown strip: make 2

Yarn A, saddle brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13, 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	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **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 brown strip: make 2

Yarn A, saddle brown.

☐ **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, sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Third brown strip: make 2

Yarn A, saddle brown.

☐ **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, sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Turquoise strip: make 2

Yarn B, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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, sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Cream strip: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 17, 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	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Ankle strap: make 2

Yarn A, saddle brown.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Button loop: ch 6, sl st in the end of Row 1 at this short end. Fasten off. This is the loop end of the strap; the other is the plain end.	

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Button: make 2

Yarn B, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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

- Brown strips: stand the two short ends of each strip on the ridge, one on the right-hand side and one on the left-hand side: the first brown strip at numbers 21 and 22 and at numbers 31 and 32, the second brown strip at numbers 18 and 19 and at numbers 34 and 35, the third brown strip at numbers 15 and 16 and at numbers 37 and 38. The edge of the first row lies toward the toe. 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 strip stands up from the edge and arches over the foot.
- Strips along the foot: stand one short end of the turquoise strip on the ridge at the toe, at numbers 24 and 25 on the right sandal and at numbers 28 and 29 on the left sandal, and one short end of the cream strip at the other two of these places. Either end and either long edge will do. Sew each end with its tail, 1 row to the front loop of 1 stitch.
- Ankle strap: its lower edge, the foundation chain, is sewn to the last row of the heel cup, edge to edge, with a piece of A 20 in (51 cm) long. On the right sandal the plain end lies on the right-hand side: 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. On the left sandal the plain end lies on the left-hand side, with the same numbers. Both sides of the strap look alike.
- The two sandals are alike as far as the brown strips. On the right sandal the turquoise strip and the button are on the right-hand side, on the left sandal they are on the left-hand side: the outer side of each foot.
- Weave: pass the free end of the turquoise strip under the first, over the second and under the third brown strip, and the free end of the cream strip over the first, under the second and over the third. Let the two strips lie side by side on the two sides of the middle of the foot, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart.
- Sew the free end of the turquoise strip to the inside of the third brown strip, with its short end level with the edge that is nearer to the heel. Fold the free end of the cream strip over that edge to the inside and sew it to the inside of the third brown strip. Use the tails that are left there. The two strips should lie smooth: if one is too long, sew it down a little farther in.
- So that the weave cannot slide, go on with each of these two tails along the back of its own strip, toward the toe: where the strip crosses the second brown strip, and again where it crosses the first, take one small stitch through both strips, catching only the back of the one that lies on the outside.
- Button: sew a button to the outside of the plain end of each ankle strap, over the 5th stitch from its short edge, in the middle of its width. The long end goes round the front of the ankle, and its loop goes over the button on the outer side of the foot.
- Weave in every tail that is left.

In all: 18 pieces; 1,376 stitches.

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