Baby tennis shoes

6 to 9 months, foot 4 to 4½ in (10 to 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 before the quarters is about 8¾ in (22 cm) round. Round the top, without the tongue, it measures about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) along the last row of the quarters (29 stitches)

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: milk white, the sole, the rim, the edge, the toe caps, the straps and the half moons	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: graphite, the sides, the quarters and the tongue	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: marigold, the buttons	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 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: 5 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn, foot 3 to 3½ in (7.5 to 9 cm)	3½ in (9 cm) long, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 90 yd (82 m)
3 to 6 months, foot 3½ to 4 in (9 to 10 cm)	4 in (10 cm) long, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 95 yd (87 m)
6 to 9 months, foot 4 to 4½ in (10 to 11.5 cm) (this file)	**4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**
9 to 12 months, foot 4½ to 5 in (11.5 to 12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 125 yd (114 m)
12 to 18 months, foot 5 to 5½ in (12.5 to 14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) long, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 140 yd (128 m)

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Gauge

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

After Round 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.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 14 sts: one in each.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 2 times: 2 times in all. (44 sc): the round now has 44; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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.

whip stitch: Lay the two edges together; take the needle through both from the back to the front, over the edges to the back again, and through both once more a stitch farther on.

Shoe: make 2

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 16.	
Sole		
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 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)

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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 Round 5; 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. The middle of the heel, straight across from it, is stitch 54 of Round 5; put a third marker in it and leave it there.

Sides

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

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

The next round is worked in the back loops only, so that the front loops of the rim lie as a line round the shoe.

☐ **Round 8**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	(56 sc)

Toe

In each of the next rounds the dc in the middle, the one between the two groups of dc2tog, goes into the stitch with the second marker.

☐ **Round 9**	Sc in next 19 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	(43 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)
☐ **Round 10**	Sc in next 17 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	(39 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in next 15 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	(35 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)
☐	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. The middle of the front is the stitch with the second marker, stitch 20 of Round 11, the dc in the middle. Put a marker in the 3rd stitch on each side of it, stitches 17 and 23; then take out the second marker and the marker of the first stitch. The two marked stitches and the 5 stitches between them are the front; the tongue stands on them, and the two markers stay until it is worked.	

Quarters: on each of the two

Yarn B, graphite.

☐ **Start**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 37 places, beginning in the stitch after the second of the two marked stitches of the front: 37 stitches of the shoe. They go round the back and end in the stitch before the first of the two. Work one on each shoe.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 36 sts	(37 sc)

Four rows take a stitch away at each end, so that the two front edges slope back along the foot.

☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 33 sts, sc2tog	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 31 sts, sc2tog	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog	(31 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐	The last row has its wrong side toward you. Fasten off.	

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Edge: on each of the two

Yarn A, milk white.

☐ **Start**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 41 places, beginning at the end of Row 1 of the quarters where that row begins: 6 row ends of the quarters, then 29 stitches of the quarters, then 6 row ends of the quarters. Go up this front edge from Row 1 to Row 6, along the top of Row 6 round the heel, and down the other front edge from Row 6 to Row 1. In a row end the needle or the hook goes under two strands of the stitch that stands there. Work one on each shoe.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 5 rows, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows	(43 sc)
☐	Fasten off. Take both tails to the inside and weave them in.	

Tongue: on each of the two

Yarn B, graphite.

☐ **Start**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 7 places, beginning in the first of the two marked stitches of the front: 7 stitches of the shoe. They end in the second of the two. Take these two markers out; the one at the heel stays. Work one on each shoe.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 6 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(9 sc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off. The tongue lies behind the two front edges and stands a little above them; its own side edges stay free.	

Toe cap: make 2

Yarn A, milk white.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 7.	
	The cap is a small oval. It is worked in a spiral, round both sides of its chain.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(14 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(20 sc)
☐	Sl st in the next st to level the edge and fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) to sew with. The side that faced you is the right side.	

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Strap: make 4

Yarn A, milk white.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 11, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
	The end of the strap with this tail is its sewing end.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐	You are now at the end of the strap away from its sewing end. For the button loop ch 7 and sl st in the corner below, in the foundation ch under the first sc of Row 1. Fasten off.	

Button: make 4

Yarn C, marigold.

☐ **Start**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm). Push the starting tail inside as a filling. Run the long tail through the front loops of the 6 sts of the last round, draw it up tightly to close the button and knot it; keep the rest to sew with.	

Half moon: make 4

Yarn A, milk white.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring.	
	The half moon is a half circle: the rows are not joined, and the ring is pulled closed until the 3 sc stand in a half circle over a straight edge.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with. The side that faced you in Row 1 is the right side.	

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Finishing

- Toe caps: lay a cap on the toe of each shoe, right side out. One of its long sides lies along the top of Round 7, the last round of the rim, with its middle at the middle of the toe; the middle of the toe is straight below the middle of the tongue. The rest of the cap goes up from there over the toe. Pin it and whip stitch it down all round with its tail.
- Half moons: each shoe has one on each side. Hold the shoe upright with its sole down. Count the stitches of Round 8, the first round of B, from the one straight above the marker at the heel: the 17th stitch after it, on each side, is the middle. Lay a half moon there, right side out, with its straight edge along the top of Round 7, the rim, and its middle below that stitch. Pin it, whip stitch it down all round with its tail, and take the marker out when both are sewn.
- Make the second shoe the same; left and right are alike until the straps are sewn on.
- Straps: stand the shoes side by side with the soles down and the toes away from you, the left shoe on the left. The inner side of each shoe is the side toward the other shoe. Lay the sewing end of a strap behind the inner front edge, 2 stitches of its length inside the shoe, so that it covers the ends of Rows 1 and 2 of the quarters; sew it down there with its tail. Sew a second strap in the same way behind the ends of Rows 5 and 6. The straps pass over the tongue to the outer side.
- Buttons: sew a button to the outer side of the quarters opposite each strap, on the 3rd stitch from the front edge of the quarters (the white edge is not counted): the lower one between Rows 1 and 2, the upper one between Rows 5 and 6. Sew them on firmly, and slip the loops over them.
- Weave in the other tails on the inside.

In all: 16 pieces; 1,996 stitches (532 in each shoe, 194 in each quarters, 43 in each edge, 95 in each tongue, 34 in each toe cap, 20 in each strap, 12 in each button, 18 in each half moon).

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.

Notes

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and take the size whose range holds that length. Where a measure lies on the line between two sizes, or between two of them, take the larger. The sole is about as long as the longest foot of its range.
- The pattern makes a pair. Work one whole shoe, its parts in the order they are printed, and finish it as far as Finishing goes for one; then make the second in the same way.
- The shoe is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round before. The first stitch of each round 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, unless a line says otherwise.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row is not counted and is not worked into: the first stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- 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. Cut a color that is done with, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). A color is done with when the part it is in does not come back to it.
- For a child under three the buttons are crocheted, as here. Sew buttons, caps and half moons 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): lay the yarn round two fingers to form a loop, insert the hook in the loop, draw the working yarn through and ch 1 (this ch does not count as a stitch); work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it.

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