Ballet slippers

Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 9½ in (24 cm) long and 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 13 in (33 cm) round
To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill
Easy
Low slippers with a neat edge and a bow, in medium yarn at a firm gauge.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: mauve, main color — **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: burgundy, contrast — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide	about 200 yd (183 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide**	**about 215 yd (197 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 3½ in (9 cm) wide	about 235 yd (215 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc2tog	double crochet 2 stitches together
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side

Gauge

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16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. After the last round of the sole, the sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide.

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 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 where a line says so.
- 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 figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

Instructions

Chosen: Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 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.

Slipper: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, mauve; B, burgundy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 28.	
Sole		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 25 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 25 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(62 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(68 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(74 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(86 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(92 sc)**

Sides

The sole, laid flat, is now about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide.

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

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(92 sc)**

Toe

The decreases lie over the front of the foot only, opposite the middle of the heel, which lies between the last 2 stitches of the round; the back is worked plain. Counted from the increases of the sole, the middle of the toe now lies between stitches 45 and 46 of the round. A spiral may lean: before the next round, fold the slipper in half along its length. If the fold at the toe comes 1 or more stitches later in the round than that, work that many more stitches before the decreases in every toe round and that many fewer after them.

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 40 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 42 sts	**(82 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 38 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 39 sts	**(77 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 35 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 37 sts	**(72 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 33 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 34 sts	**(67 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 31 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 33 sts	**(64 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 29 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 31 sts	**(60 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 27 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 29 sts	**(56 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 25 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 27 sts	**(52 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 23 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 25 sts	**(48 sc, 4 dc)**

Edging

☐ **Rnd 20**	With B, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Bow: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, mauve; B, burgundy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1**	**Yarn B.** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 5**	Repeat row 2.	
	A box for each row, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go. 3 4 5	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm).	

Finishing

- Make the second piece the same; left and right are alike.
- Run the tail of each bow through the stitches to the middle of the strip. Pinch the bow there, wind the tail tightly round the middle 6 times, and sew it with the rest of the tail to the middle of the toe, just below the opening.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces; 3,182 stitches (1,516 in each slipper, 75 in each bow); 8 ends to weave in.

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