Boots with rubber soles

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



Finished size
About 9½ in (24 cm) high and 12 in (30.5 cm) round
To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

What you need

Yarn A: olive green, the upper and the tongue **about 305 yd (279 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: burnt rust, the blanket stitch, the rings round the eyelets and the laces **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: warm oatmeal, the cuff **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 190 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: an awl, a pen, a measuring tape, a pin, 2 stitch markers, a yarn needle, scissors and a pair of flat rubber soles about 10 in (25.5 cm) long, about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and at least ½ in (1.5 cm) thick.

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
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm) high, 11½ in (29 cm) round	about 350 yd (320 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) high, 12 in (30.5 cm) round**	**about 375 yd (343 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm) high, 12½ in (32 cm) round	about 400 yd (366 m)
Men's medium	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) high, 13½ in (34.5 cm) round	about 435 yd (398 m)
Men's large	11½ in (29 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm) high, 14 in (35.5 cm) round	about 470 yd (430 m)

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Gauge

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

In Row 1 of the leg, 16 stitches measure about 4 in (10 cm).

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. Choose soles about ½ in (1.5 cm) longer than the foot, and the size of this pattern that is nearest to the length of the soles; halfway between two sizes, take the larger. The number of holes is what counts: if your soles are a little longer or shorter, make the same number and keep the same distance between them all.
- The boot is worked from the sole up in a spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the right side, the outside, faces you. The leg and the tongue are worked in rows. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first sc goes into the first st.
- The two boots are alike. Work one whole boot on its sole, boot, leg and tongue, and then the second in the same way.
- 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 there, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- A yarn of cotton and wool together is firm and wears well. The crochet stays above the ground and the bought sole keeps its own grip. The boots are for dry days: yarn is not waterproof.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- A crocheted sole slips on a smooth floor: wear the boots on carpet, or sew bought soles under them.

Instructions

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

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in each of next 42 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 43 times: work what is inside 43 times in all.

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

Special stitches

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.

blanket stitch: A sewing stitch over an edge, worked with the yarn needle; how it goes is told under Soles.

straight stitch: Up at one end of the line and down at the other.

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Boot: make 2, one for each boot

Yarn A, olive green.

Soles: Use flat soles of rubber with a soft layer of foam or felt on top; an awl goes through them by hand.

On top of each sole draw a line all the way round, ¼ in (0.5 cm) in from the edge. Mark the middle of the heel on this line. Measure round the line from there and mark the middle of the toe, halfway round. Between these two marks make 21 more marks on each side, all the same distance apart: 44 marks in all, about ½ in (1.5 cm) apart.

At each mark push the awl in from the top, slanting outward, so that it comes out in the side of the sole, halfway between the top and the ground. A needle can then go in at the side and come out on the line.

Blanket stitch: thread the yarn needle with 3 yd (3 m) of B. Hold a sole with its top up and its heel toward you. Push the needle in at the side of the heel hole and out on top, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the side. Work to the left round the sole, hole by hole: *lay the yarn on the top of the sole in a curve that passes round the far side of the next hole and comes down over the edge beyond it, and hold it there with your thumb. Push the needle in at the side of that hole and out on top, so that it comes up inside the curve. Draw the yarn tight over the curve: it now lies on the line from the hole before to this hole and goes from here over the edge to the side. Repeat from * in every hole; the last one is the heel hole, which gets its leg now. No stitch follows there that would hold the curve, so tie it down: take the needle over the curve to the left, under the first bar (the one that runs from the heel hole to the hole on its left) and back, over the curve again, down through the heel hole to the side, and draw tight. The yarn now lies over the last curve and round the first bar and holds both. Tie it to the tail at the side. Thread both ends together, push the needle in at the side of the heel hole and out on top, and pull until the knot slips into the hole. Both tails now lie on the top of the sole, toward its middle, and are woven in at the end. Do the same on the second sole.

There is now a leg of yarn over the edge at each hole, and on top a bar of yarn from each hole to the next: 44 bars.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a sole with its top up and its heel toward you, and join A with a sl st in the first of 44 places, one bar for each hole: 44 holes of the sole. The first is the bar to the left of the heel hole; go on to the left. Insert the hook under the bar, from the edge toward the middle of the sole, not into the sole. In Rnd 1 each bar counts as a st.	

Sides

The boot is worked in a spiral. Rnd 1 leaves one stitch less than twice the number of bars, so that the linen stitch runs on from round to round.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	2 sc in same st as the join, 2 sc in each of next 42 sts, sc in next st	(87 sc)

Put a marker in the first stitch of Rnd 2 and move it up every round; where a round begins with a ch 1, put it round that ch. In linen stitch each ch 1 stands over the sc that is skipped, and each sc goes into a ch-1 space of the round before.

☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 43 times**, sc in next st	(44 sc, 43 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 43 times**, ch 1, sk next st	(44 ch-1 sps, 43 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 43 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp	(44 sc, 43 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 43 times**, ch 1, sk next st	(44 ch-1 sps, 43 sc)

The next round works a sc into every sc and every ch-1 space, and 2 sc into the last space.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**, sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp	(88 sc)

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Toe

The decreases lie over the toe; the sc at the beginning and the end of each round go round the heel. Find the middle of the toe: it lies straight above the hole at the toe mark of the sole, hole 22 to the left of the heel hole, where the first 44 stitches of Rnd 1 end. Hold the measuring tape upright at this hole and mark with a pin the place between two stitches of Rnd 6 that is straight above it. Count the stitches of Rnd 6 from its first stitch to the pin. With 44 stitches, work as it is printed. A spiral leans a little: for every stitch more than 44, work 1 stitch more before the decreases in every toe round and 1 stitch fewer after them; for every stitch fewer, do the opposite.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 38 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 38 sts	(76 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 36 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 36 sts	(72 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 34 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 34 sts	(68 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 32 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 32 sts	(64 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 30 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 30 sts	(60 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 30 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 30 sts	(60 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 29 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 29 sts	(58 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 28 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 28 sts	(56 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 27 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 27 sts	(54 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in next 26 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 26 sts	(52 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 25 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	(50 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 24 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	(48 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 23 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 23 sts	(46 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 22 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	(44 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 21 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	(42 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	(48 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. Take out the marker of the rounds. Find the middle of the back: with the boot standing, hold the measuring tape upright at the heel hole and mark with the pin the place between two stitches of Rnd 22, the last one, that is straight above it. A spiral leans, so this is not always the place where the round began. From the pin count the stitches of Rnd 22 in the direction it was worked, and put markers in the 21st and the 28th: these two and the 6 stitches between them are the front, and the tongue stands on them.	

Leg: make 2, one for each boot

Yarns in order of use: A, olive green; C, warm oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the boot with its sole down. With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 40 places, beginning in the stitch after the second of the two marked stitches: 40 stitches of the boot. They go round the back and end in the stitch before the first of the two. Work one on each boot.	

The front edges are 3 plain stitches wide; between them the leg is in linen stitch. A row that has a ch-1 space in the plain stitches makes a pair of eyelets for the lace, one at each front edge.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 39 sts	(40 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 17 times**, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(21 sc, 19 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(21 sc, 19 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(21 sc, 19 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(21 sc, 19 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 14 to 21**	Repeat row 13. (23 sc, 17 ch-1 sps)	

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Cuff

The cuff is folded down at the end. The first row of C works a sc into every sc and every ch-1 space.

☐ **Row 22**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(40 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(40 sc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 30**	Repeat row 23. (40 sc)	

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tongue: make 2, one for each boot

Yarn A, olive green.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the boot with its sole down. With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 8 places, beginning in the first of the two marked stitches: 8 stitches of the boot. They end in the second of the two. Take the markers out. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in same st as the join, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 22**	Repeat row 2. (10 sc)	

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

☐ **End**	Fasten off. The tongue lies behind the two front edges of the leg; its own edges stay free.	

Lace: make 2, one for each boot

Yarn B, burnt rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a slip knot.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 145	(145 ch)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave both tails back into the chain.	

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Finishing

- Left and right are alike. Fold each cuff down over the outside of the leg, so that the line where C begins is the top edge.
- Eyelets: the ch-1 spaces in the plain stitches of the two front edges, in Rows 2, 5, 8 and 11 of the leg, are the eyelets, 4 at each edge. With B work a ring of 12 straight stitches round each one: every stitch goes up out of the space and down into the fabric 1 yarn width outside it, one after the other all the way round, so that a ring of B frames the hole. Leave the hole open.
- Laces: the two eyelets of one row are a pair; pair 1 is the lowest. Lay the middle of a lace across the tongue behind the two front edges, and bring the ends out through the two eyelets of pair 1, one through each. Cross the ends over the tongue. Take each one under the front edge on the other side and out through the eyelet of the next pair there; go on in this way to pair 4 and tie a bow over the tongue.
- Weave in the tails of the blanket stitch, which lie on the top of the sole, under the bars on each side of the heel, and the other tails on the inside; those of the cuff, on the side that the fold hides.

In all: 4 pieces; 5,128 stitches (1,347 in each boot, 852 in each leg, 220 in each tongue, 145 in each lace).

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