Christmas boot cuffs

Adult medium, calf 13½ in (34.5 cm) round · US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long, unstretched
To fit a calf of 13½ in (34.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 3 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: cranberry, the ribbing and the cuff	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the white top	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the belt	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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	Calf	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Adult small	12 in (30.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) long	about 175 yd (160 m)
Adult medium (this file)	**13½ in (34.5 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm) round, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long**	**about 205 yd (187 m)**
Adult large	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long	about 245 yd (224 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row.

puff (puff stitch): [Yarn over, insert the hook in the st, yarn over and draw up a long loop] 4 times in the same st, yarn over and draw through all 9 loops on the hook. It counts as 1 st; the top of the puff is the st of the next line. It leaves 1 puff for the next row.

Gauge

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

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. To check it as you go: lay the tube flat after the first rounds of the cuff: it is about 6 in (15 cm) across.

Before you start

- Measure round the widest part of the calf and choose the nearest size. The finished tube is a little smaller than the leg, and the fabric stretches to it.
- The pattern makes a pair.
- In a joined round, the ch at the start does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the stitch the ch stands on (a post stitch goes round its post), and the sl st that closes the round goes into the top of that first stitch.
- In a 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 faces you in every round.
- 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 comes back within 4 rounds can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut any other, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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Instructions

Chosen: Adult medium, calf 13½ in (34.5 cm) round. 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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Boot cuff: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; C, black; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 42, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Ribbing

☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(42 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(21 FPdc, 21 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Repeat rnd 2.	

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

Cuff

From here the piece is worked in a spiral: the first stitch of the next round goes into the first stitch of the last one.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**	**(21 puffs, 21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**	**(21 puffs, 21 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Make the second piece the same.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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