D'Orsay flats

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



Finished size
The sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide, without its rim; each side is cut low over 14 stitches, about 2¾ in (7 cm)
To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Light (3), 2 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: wine, the outer sole, the sides, the cups and the edge **about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the inner sole, the rim, the bow and its knot **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 110 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: 3 stitch markers, 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
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide	about 255 yd (233 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide**	**about 270 yd (247 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 300 yd (274 m)

Gauge

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

After the last round of a sole, it is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

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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. A foot that measures halfway between two sizes takes the larger of the two.
- The pattern makes a pair. The finished sole is about as long as the foot. A smooth cotton yarn in a firm gauge keeps its shape best.
- The soles, the sides and the edge are each worked 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, and that work is not turned.
- The cups are worked in rows and turned. A dc2tog counts as one st and is worked into at its top like any other; an sc2tog as well.
- To change color after Rnd 1 of the sides, work its last stitch until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- A crocheted sole slips on smooth floors: wear the flats on carpet, or sew patches of suede under the soles.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 33 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(72 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.

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.

Outer sole: make 2

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 36.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 33 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 33 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(90 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 36 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 36 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(102 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 38 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 38 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(114 sc)
☐ **End**	The sole, laid flat, is now about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide. The end of a sole where the rounds begin is the heel. Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. Hide both tails on the wrong side.	

Inner sole: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 36.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 33 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 33 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(90 sc)
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☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(114 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. Hide both tails on the wrong side.	

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Sides: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, blush; A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Fold an outer sole and an inner sole in half along their length, each with its right side out and its two long edges together; the fold at the heel is the middle of the heel. It lies between stitches 110 and 111 of Rnd 8 where the rounds stand straight one above another; a spiral leans, so it may come a few stitches later. Along the round, put a marker on the outer sole in the first stitch after the fold, and on the inner sole in the last stitch before the fold; if a stitch lies right on the fold, mark that stitch. Lay the two soles together with the wrong sides inside, heel to heel and marked stitch against marked stitch, and hold them with the outer sole toward you; join B with a sl st in the first of 114 places, the first being the marked stitch: 114 stitches of the outer sole. Work every stitch of Rnd 1 through both loops of both soles, each stitch of the outer sole together with the stitch of the inner sole that lies against it, and take out the two markers. The sl st that leveled the edge is not a stitch: work through it and the stitch under it as one.	

Rim

☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 113 sts	(114 sc)

Low sides

Rnd 1 is not joined: the first stitch of Rnd 2 goes into the first sc of Rnd 1, and from here the work is a spiral with the outer sole still toward you. Rnd 2 goes into the back loops only, the loops nearer the inner sole; the free front loops stand as a line round the sole.

☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	(114 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(114 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st, the first of Rnd 3, to level the edge, and fasten off. This sl st is not a stitch: when the heel cup and later lines come to it, work through it and the stitch under it as one. The middle of the heel is at the beginning of the round, and the middle of the toe lies between stitches 57 and 58 of Rnd 3. The sides may lean too, alike at the toe and at the heel: fold the sole in half along its length, and if the folds at the toe and at the heel come 1 or more stitches later in the round than these two places, add that many to every stitch number of Rnd 3 that is named below, for both cups and for the edge; if they come earlier, take as many away. After stitch 114 the count goes on with stitch 1. Both low sides keep their 14 stitches.	

Toe cup: on each of the two

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With the outer sole toward you, join A with a sl st in the first of 52 places: 52 stitches of the sides. They are stitches 32 to 83 of Rnd 3, round the toe. The cup is shaped at both ends and at the middle of the toe.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 51 sts	(52 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 20 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 20 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(44 sc, 2 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog	(36 sc, 4 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(30 sc, 4 dc)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(24 sc, 4 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(18 sc, 4 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc, 4 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc, 2 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Heel cup: on each of the two

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With the outer sole toward you, join A with a sl st in the first of 34 places: 34 stitches of the sides. They are stitches 98 to 114 of Rnd 3 and then stitches 1 to 17, round the heel.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 33 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 26 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 22 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edge: on each of the two

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge runs once round the whole opening in a spiral. With the right side facing and the open side up, join A with a sl st in the first of 92 places: 14 stitches of the sides, then 8 row ends of the heel cup, then 20 stitches of the heel cup, then 8 row ends of the heel cup, then 14 stitches of the sides, then 8 row ends of the toe cup, then 12 stitches of the toe cup, then 8 row ends of the toe cup. The first 14 places are stitches 84 to 97 of Rnd 3 of the sides, next to the toe cup; go up one end of the heel cup, along its top and down its other end, along the other low side, and over the toe cup in the same way, up one end, across its top and down the other. Each row end is one place.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 91 sts	(92 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in each st around	(92 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Work these sl sts loosely, so that the opening is not drawn in. Fasten off.	

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Bow: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 22**	Repeat row 2. (6 sc) 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

Knot: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 9**	Repeat row 2. (3 sc) 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with.	

Finishing

- Make the second flat the same; left and right are alike.
- Bow: bring the last row of a bow round to its foundation edge, so that the strip is a ring, and sew the two edges together with the tail of the bow, 6 stitches to 6 chains. Either side may be outward. Lay the ring flat with the seam at the middle of the back; there are 11 rows in front and 11 behind. Wrap a knot once round the middle of the bow, over the seam, with its 9 rows going round the bow and its 3 stitches lying along it, and draw it tight, so that the bow gathers under it. Behind the bow sew the last row of the knot to its foundation edge with the tail of the knot, 3 stitches to 3 chains, and take one stitch through the bow.
- Lay the bow across the toe cup with the seam of the knot underneath. The knot lies over the middle of Rows 6 and 7 of the cup, just in front of its last row, and the two loops point to the sides. With the rest of the tail of the knot sew the underside of the knot to these two rows. The loops are left free.
- Weave in the other tails on the inside of the cups.

In all: 10 pieces; 5,238 stitches (744 in each outer sole, 744 in each inner sole, 342 in each sides, 250 in each toe cup, 196 in each heel cup, 184 in each edge, 132 in each bow, 27 in each knot).

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