Chunky two-strand booties

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



Finished size

The sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide; the opening is about 11 in (28 cm) round. The cuff, folded down, is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) deep (rounds 24 to 28 of the bootie)

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

Easy

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream and denim, the foot, the leg and the heel tab **about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: rust, the sole, its edge and the cuff **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 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)	9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 285 yd (261 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide**	**about 295 yd (270 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 310 yd (283 m)
Men's medium	10½ in (26.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 345 yd (315 m)
Men's large	11 in (28 cm)	11 in (28 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 360 yd (329 m)
Men's extra large	11½ in (29 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 395 yd (361 m)

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Abbreviations

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

BLO	back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you
3LO	third loop only: the loop that lies on the back of a half double crochet, just below the two loops at its top
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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.

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet (UK half treble crochet), in which the sides are worked: 11 stitches and 9½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Rnd 5, the last round of the sole, the sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 3¼ in (8.5 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.

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 bootie is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of a round is worked into the first stitch of the round before. The first stitch of each round of the bootie 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, except in the parts and lines that say 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 yarn is used double from beginning to end, the sole, the cuff and the tabs too. A means one strand of cream and one strand of denim, held together and worked as one yarn; B means two strands of rust. The gauge, the hook and every tail are for the two strands together.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row is not counted and is not worked into.
- A crocheted sole slips on smooth floors. Sew a leather or suede sole under it for wear on them.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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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, dc is treble, hdc is half treble and sc is double crochet.

Bootie: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, rust; A, cream and denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 19.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 16 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 16 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(62 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide. The middle of the toe is stitch 29 of Rnd 5, straight across from the middle of the heel; 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; then take it out.

Sides

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

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(62 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(62 sc)**

From here the sides are in half double crochet.

☐ **Rnd 8**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(62 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Hdc in each st around	**(62 hdc)**

Toe

In each of the next rounds the dc in the middle stands on the middle stitch of the toe, the one with the second marker.

☐ **Rnd 10**	Hdc in next 23 sts, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts	**(51 hdc, 7 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Hdc in next 21 sts, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts	**(47 hdc, 7 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Hdc in next 19 sts, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts	**(43 hdc, 7 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 13**	Hdc in next 17 sts, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts	**(39 hdc, 7 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Hdc in next 15 sts, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts	**(35 hdc, 7 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Hdc in next 15 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts	**(35 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Hdc in next 14 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts	**(33 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Hdc in next 13 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts	**(31 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Hdc in next 12 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 17 sts	**(29 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Hdc in next 11 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts	**(27 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Hdc in next 10 sts, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts	**(25 hdc, 5 dc)**

Leg

☐ **Rnd 21**	Hdc in each st around	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Hdc in each st around	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Hdc in each st around	**(30 hdc)**

Cuff

Sl st in the next st to level the round, drawing B through the st and the loop on the hook. Cut A. Turn, so that the inside of the bootie faces you, ch 1, which does not count, and go on in a spiral the other way round. Do not work into the sl st: the first hdc of Rnd 24 goes into the last hdc of Rnd 23, and its last hdc into the hdc that holds the sl st. The side that now faces you shows when the cuff is folded down, so keep tails on the other side of the cuff.

☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, hdc in BLO of each st around	**(30 hdc)**

In the next rounds work under the third loop only. The two loops at the top of each stitch then lie on the side that faces you, as a ridge that looks like a row of knitting.

☐ **Rnd 25**	Hdc in 3LO of each st around	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 26 to 28**	Repeat rnd 25. (30 hdc)	

A box for each round, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28

☐ **End**	Sl st in each of the next 2 sts to level the edge. Fasten off.

Heel tab: make 2

Yarn A, cream and denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(13 sc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The strip has a tail at each of its two short ends.	

Finishing

- Make the second bootie the same; left and right are alike.
- Fold the cuff down over the outside, along the line where B begins.
- Heel tabs: the first stitch of each round is at the back, a little to one side of the middle of the heel; fold the bootie flat along its length to find the middle of the back at the fold of the cuff. Fold a heel tab in half, right side out, so that its two short ends lie one on the other. Lay both ends together against the inside of the leg there, 3 rounds below the fold of the cuff, so that a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) tall stands up above the fold. Sew each end down all round with its tail, through the inner half of the stitches only, so that nothing shows on the outside.
- Weave in the tails of the leg and the sole on the inside, and those of the cuff on the side that the fold hides.

In all: 4 pieces; 2,448 stitches (1,198 in each bootie, 26 in each heel tab).

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