Elf baby booties

3 to 6 months, foot 4 in (10 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide at the sole, and about 5½ in (14 cm) round at the opening
To fit a foot of 4 in (10 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: green, the foot	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the sole and the collar	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the pompoms	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card ¾ in (2 cm) wide.

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
Newborn to 3 months	3½ in (9 cm)	3½ in (9 cm) long, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)
3 to 6 months (this file)	**4 in (10 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 75 yd (68 m)**
6 to 12 months	4½ in (11.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 90 yd (82 m)
12 to 18 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 95 yd (87 m)
18 to 24 months	5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 110 yd (101 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
BLO	back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 together): 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. It leaves 1 dc for the next row.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 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: after the last round of the sole, the sole is about 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 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: 3 to 6 months, foot 4 in (10 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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

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Bootie: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, red; A, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 11.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 4 in (10 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide.

Sides

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

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(40 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.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 14 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 16 sts	**(30 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 12 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 13 sts	**(25 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 10 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 12 sts	**(22 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 8 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 10 sts	**(18 sc, 4 dc)**

Cuff

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(22 sc)**

Sl st in the next st to level the round, drawing B through the st and the loop on the hook. Turn, so that the inside of the piece 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 sc of Rnd 13 goes into the last sc of Rnd 12, and its last sc into the sc that holds the sl st. The side that now faces you shows when the cuff is folded down, so keep tails and waiting yarn on the other side of the cuff.

☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Hdc in each st around	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Hdc in each st around	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Finishing

- Pompoms (make 2, about ¾ in (2 cm) across): with C, wind the yarn 60 times round the card, slip the loops off and tie them tightly in the middle with a separate piece of C 16 in (40.5 cm) long. Cut the loops open and trim the ball round, but leave the two ends of the tie long and sew with them. Sew one to the tip of the toe, at the middle of Rnd 7.
- Make the second piece the same; left and right are alike.
- Fold the cuff down over the outside.
- Weave in every tail on the inside; on the cuff, on the side that the fold hides.

In all: 2 pieces; 854 stitches; 16 ends to weave in.

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