Elf slippers

Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) long and 8 in (20.5 cm) round and 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round
To fit a foot of 8 in (20.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

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: forest, the slippers **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the collars **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the balls **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a little stuffing.

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
Child, foot 7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm) long, 7½ in (19 cm) round	about 185 yd (169 m)
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm) long, 8 in (20.5 cm) round**	**about 205 yd (187 m)**
Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 230 yd (210 m)
Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	9½ in (24 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round	about 265 yd (242 m)
Women's large, foot 10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 9¾ in (25 cm) round	about 290 yd (265 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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.

whip stitch: With the yarn needle, go through the edge of one piece and then through the edge of the other, always from the same side, so that the yarn winds over the two edges. It leaves 1 whip stitch for the next row or round.

Gauge

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

After the toe, when there are 28 stitches, the piece is about 8 in (20.5 cm) round.

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, and left and right are alike. Each slipper is worked in a spiral from the tip of the toe to the instep, then a heel is worked in rows and closed at the back, then the opening is edged in a spiral.
- 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 small parts that are worked in rounds are spirals too, unless a line says that the round is closed.
- The right side faces you in every round, except where a line says so. Rows are turned: the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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).
- A crocheted sole can slip on a smooth floor: wear the slippers on carpet, or sew bought soles under them.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The foot, without the curled tip, is about 8 in (20.5 cm) long and about 8 in (20.5 cm) round (28 stitches); the tip is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long (rounds 1 to 18 of the slipper) when it is held straight; the top of the cuff is about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round (32 stitches).

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Instructions

Chosen: Child, foot 8 in (20.5 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 and sc is double crochet.

Slipper: make 2

Yarn A, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
Curled tip		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
Toe		
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
Foot		
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 23 to 36**	Repeat rnd 22. (28 sc)	

A box for each round, 23 to 36: tick them off as you go.

☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36

☐ **End**	The foot is now about 9 in (23 cm) long, from the end of the tip, held straight. Sl st in the next st to level the round (the sl st does not count as a stitch) and fasten off.

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Heel: make 2

Yarn A, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	Flatten the foot so that the last stitch of the last round is the 7th of the 14 stitches of the lower layer: one layer of 14 stitches is the sole, the other is the top. Leave the middle 10 stitches of the top free for the front of the opening. The heel is worked back and forth in rows over the other 18 stitches: the 14 of the sole and 2 at each end of the top. With the wrong side (the inside) facing you, join A with a sl st in the first of these 18 stitches: the one from which they all lie ahead of you and the free ones lie behind.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 17 sts, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	The heel has 14 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm). Fold the last row in half with the right sides together, so that its first stitch meets its last, and sew the 7 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each. Turn the heel right side out.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarn A, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st at the top of the heel seam.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in end of each of next 14 rows, sc in next 10 sts, sc in end of each of next 14 rows	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Collar: make 2

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	

The collar is worked sideways. All the increases and decreases are at one long edge, where they make the points; the other long edge stays straight. Row 1 begins at the straight edge. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	The collar has 40 rows and 5 points, and its straight edge is about 10 in (25.5 cm) long. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 34 in (86.5 cm) to sew with.	

Ball: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
	Stuff the ball.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with. Run the tail through the last 6 stitches and draw them together.	

Finishing

- Collar: bring the two ends of each collar together, right side out, and sew the 3 stitches of the last row to the foundation ch, under the 3 stitches of Row 1, straight edge to straight edge. The collar is a ring now, and its straight edge has 40 row ends. It is about 10 in (25.5 cm) round, a little more than the cuff (9¼ in (23.5 cm)), because it lies over the outside of the cuff. Slip it over the cuff, right side outward and points down, with its seam at the heel seam and the two edges level. With the rest of the tail whip stitch the straight edge to the last round of the cuff, through both loops of the 32 stitches, beginning at the heel seam: sew 5 row ends to every 4 stitches, that is, one row end to each of 3 stitches and 2 row ends to the 4th, and do this 8 times. The collar hangs over the outside of the cuff, with the tip of the third of its 5 points at the middle of the front.
- Ball: sew its gathered end to the closed tip of the slipper, over Rnds 1 and 2. Lay the slipper on its sole. Fold the tip up and back over the toe in a curl, with no twist, until the ball rests on the top of Rnd 21, in line with the middle of the 10 stitches at the front of the opening. Sew it there, with 4 stitches through the ball and the slipper.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces; 2,692 stitches (655 in each slipper, 246 in each heel, 169 in each cuff, 210 in each collar, 66 in each ball).

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