Kids' boat loafers

Child, foot 7 in (18 cm) · US terms



Finished size
The sole is about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide, without its ridge; the collar is about 9 in (23 cm) round (36 stitches)
To fit a foot of 7 in (18 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

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: white, the sole, its ridge and the seam	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: denim, the sides, the apron and the collar	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: camel, the thong	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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 6 in (15 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	6 in (15 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide	about 125 yd (114 m)
Child, foot 7 in (18 cm) (this file)	**7 in (18 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide**	**about 140 yd (128 m)**
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide	about 165 yd (151 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)

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

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After the last round of the sole, the sole is about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¼ in (5.5 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 finished sole is about as long as the foot. A smooth cotton yarn wears best.
- 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 in the apron.
- 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 slips on smooth floors: have the shoes worn 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.

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Instructions

Chosen: Child, foot 7 in (18 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.

Shoe: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 21.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 18 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 7 in (18 cm) long and about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide. The middle of the heel lies between the last two stitches of a round, and the middle of the toe is opposite.

Sides

The next round is worked in the back loops only, which turns the sole up into the sides; its free front loops are used for the sole ridge. Rnd 8 is worked in the back loops as well, so that a second fine ridge shows above the white.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

Toe

One round gathers the toe. Its decreases lie opposite the heel.

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 18 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 14 times**, sc in next 20 sts	**(38 sc, 14 dc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. This sl st is not a stitch of the round: later, work through it and the stitch under it as one.	

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Apron: make 2

Yarn B, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 11**	Repeat row 5. (10 sc)	

A box for each row, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **End** Fasten off. Hide both tails on the wrong side.

Seam: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Lay the apron in the toe with its foundation chain at the front, wrong sides together and edges level, and hold the shoe with its outside toward you. Work every stitch through both loops of the shoe and then through the edge of the apron: join A with a sl st in the first of 26 places: 26 stitches of the shoe. They are stitches 13 to 38 of Rnd 11. They are matched, in order, with 11 row ends of the apron from Row 11 down to Row 1, its 4 foundation chains, and its other 11 row ends from Row 1 up to Row 11.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 25 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off and take both tails to the inside.	

Sole ridge: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the shoe with the sole toward you and join A with a sl st in the first of 66 places, the free front loops of Rnd 5: 66 stitches of the shoe. The first is the loop of the last stitch of Rnd 5, at the heel; go round in the direction of the rounds.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 65 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Collar: make 2

Yarn B, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 36 places: 26 stitches of the shoe, then 10 stitches of the apron. The stitches of the shoe are those that the seam left: from stitch 39 of Rnd 11 to the end of the round, then stitches 1 to 12. The stitches of the apron are its last row. Work in a spiral and put a marker in the first stitch of each round.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 35 sts	**(36 sc)**

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The next round makes a ring of eyelets for the thong.

☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**	**(18 ch-1 sps, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 18 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Thong: make 2

Yarn C, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a slip knot.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 135	**(135 ch)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving tails of 4 in (10 cm). Tie a knot at each end of the chain and trim the tails to 1 in (2.5 cm).	

Finishing

- Thong: number the eyelets of Rnd 2 of the collar from the first ch-1 sp of the round; there are 18. Thread a thong in through eyelet 17, which lies at the middle of the front, out through the next, and so on in and out in the direction of the round; pass the last eyelets in the same way until the end has come out through eyelet 16, beside the one you began with. Draw the two ends level and tie them in a bow.
- Make the second shoe the same; left and right are alike.
- Weave in the tails of the shoe on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces; 2,134 stitches (652 in each shoe, 98 in each apron, 26 in each seam, 66 in each sole ridge, 90 in each collar, 135 in each thong).

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