# Slippers with leather soles

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



Finished size

**The cut sole is about 9¾ in (25 cm) long and about 3½ in (9 cm) wide; before the collar is rolled, the opening measures about 11½ in (29 cm) round (46 stitches)**

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

**Intermediate**

Yarn

**Medium (4), 2 colors**

Hook

**4 mm (US G-6)**

Gauge

**16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

Yarn A: heathered charcoal, the sides, the apron and the collar **about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: deep mustard, the blanket stitch and the seam of the apron **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: paper, a piece of cork, an awl, a pen, a measuring tape, a pin, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and leather, suede or firm felt, two pieces each about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) by 4½ in (11.5 cm).

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 |
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| **Women's small** | 9 in (23 cm) | 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide | about 145 yd (133 m) |
| **Women's medium (this file)** | **9½ in (24 cm)** | **9¾ in (25 cm) long, 3½ in (9 cm) wide** | **about 155 yd (142 m)** |
| **Women's large** | 10 in (25.5 cm) | 10¼ in (26 cm) long, 3½ in (9 cm) wide | about 160 yd (146 m) |
| **Men's medium** | 10½ in (26.5 cm) | 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide | about 180 yd (165 m) |
| **Men's large** | 11 in (28 cm) | 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide | about 185 yd (169 m) |


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| **Men's extra large** | 11½ in (29 cm) | 11¾ in (30 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide | about 190 yd (174 m) |

## Gauge

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

After Row 18 of the apron, it is about 3½ in (9 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.

## 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; halfway between two sizes, take the larger.
- The pattern makes a pair; left and right are alike. The sole is cut about ¼ in (0.5 cm) longer than the foot.
- The sides and the collar are worked in spirals with the right side, the outside, toward you. The apron is worked in rows, and the work is turned at the end of every row. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first sc goes into the first st.
- In a row end the needle or the hook goes under two strands of the stitch that stands there. Each yarn is joined anew where a part begins; no color is changed inside a round.
- Leather soles grip a little on carpet and slip on smooth floors; suede with its rough side down slips less.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

## Instructions

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

**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **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 85 sts**: one in each.
**[ ] 10 times**: work what is inside 10 times in all.
**(86 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

### 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.

**blanket stitch:** A sewing stitch over an edge, worked with the yarn needle; how it goes is told under Soles.

**whip stitch:** Lay the two edges together; take the needle through both from the back to the front, over the edges to the back again, and through both once more a stitch farther on.


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## Slipper: make 2, one for each slipper

**Yarn A, heathered charcoal.**

Soles: Soles: draw them on paper first. Draw a straight line 9¾ in (25 cm) long: one end is the heel, the other is the toe. Across this line, at right angles to it and half on each side, draw 4 lines: one 3 in (7.5 cm) long at 1 in (2.5 cm) from the heel end, one 3 in (7.5 cm) long at 4 in (10 cm) from the heel end, one 3½ in (9 cm) long at 6¾ in (17 cm) from the heel end, which is the widest place, and one 2¾ in (7 cm) long at 1 in (2.5 cm) from the toe end. Join the ends of the lines to the two ends of the long line in one smooth curve, rounded at the heel and at the toe. Both sides are alike, so a sole has no left or right. Cut two soles of this outline from leather, suede or firm felt about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) thick.

On top of each sole draw a line all the way round, ¼ in (0.5 cm) in from the edge. Mark the middle of the heel on this line. Measure round the line from there and mark the middle of the toe, halfway round. Between these two marks make 42 more marks on each side, all the same distance apart: 86 marks in all, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart.

Lay the sole on a piece of cork and pierce a hole straight down at each mark with the awl. The rough side of suede is the underside.

Blanket stitch: thread the yarn needle with 4 yd (4 m) of B. Hold a sole with its top up and its heel toward you. Bring the needle up through the heel hole from below, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) on the underside. Work to the left round the sole, hole by hole: *lay the yarn on the top of the sole in a curve that passes round the far side of the next hole and comes down over the edge beyond it, and hold it there with your thumb. Bring the needle up through that hole from below, so that it comes up inside the curve. Draw the yarn tight over the curve: it now lies on the line from the hole before to this hole and goes from here over the edge to the underside. Repeat from * in every hole; the last one is the heel hole, which gets its leg now. No stitch follows there that would hold the curve, so tie it down: take the needle over the curve to the left, under the first bar (the one that runs from the heel hole to the hole on its left) and back, over the curve again, down through the heel hole to the underside, and draw tight. The yarn now lies over the last curve and round the first bar and holds both. Tie it to the tail on the underside. Thread both ends together, bring them up through the heel hole from below, and pull until the knot slips into the hole. Both tails now lie on the top of the sole, toward its middle, and are woven in at the end. Do the same on the second sole.

There is now a leg of yarn over the edge at each hole, and on top a bar of yarn from each hole to the next: 86 bars.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Hold a sole with its top up and its heel toward you, and join A with a sl st in the first of 86 places, one bar for each hole: 86 holes of the sole. The first is the bar to the left of the heel hole; go on to the left. Insert the hook under the bar, from the edge toward the middle of the sole, not into the leather. In Rnd 1 each bar counts as a st. | |

### Sides

The sides are worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined.

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| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 85 sts | (86 sc) |

Put a marker in the first stitch of Rnd 2 and move it up every round.

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| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Hdc in each st around | (86 hdc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Hdc in each st around | (86 hdc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Hdc in each st around | (86 hdc) |


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### Toe

One round gathers the toe. Find the middle of the toe: it lies straight above the hole at the toe mark of the sole, hole 43 to the left of the heel hole, where the first 43 stitches of Rnd 1 end. Hold the measuring tape upright at this hole and mark with a pin the place between two stitches of Rnd 4 that is straight above it. Count the stitches of Rnd 4 from its first stitch to the pin. With 43 stitches, work as it is printed. A spiral leans a little: for every stitch more than 43, work 1 stitch more before the first dc2tog and 1 stitch fewer after the last one; for every stitch fewer, do the opposite. Keep this number in mind: it is added to every stitch number of Rnd 5 that is named later (or taken from it, where it is fewer).

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| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Hdc in next 33 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 10 times**, hdc in next 33 sts | (66 hdc, 10 dc) |
| ☐ **End** | Sc in the next st and sl st in the st after it, to level the edge. Fasten off. These two are not stitches of the round: later, work through each of them and the stitch under it as one. | |

### Apron: make 2, one for each slipper

**Yarn A, heathered charcoal.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 9. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across | (8 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 6 to 18** | Repeat row 5. (14 sc) | |

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

### Seam: make 2, one for each slipper

**Yarn B, deep mustard.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Lay the apron in the toe with its foundation chain at the front, wrong sides together and edges level, and hold the slipper with its outside toward you. Work every stitch through both loops of the slipper and then through the edge of the apron: join B with a sl st in the first of 44 places: 44 stitches of the slipper. They are stitches 17 to 60 of Rnd 5. They are matched, in order, with 18 row ends of the apron from Row 18 down to Row 1, its 8 foundation chains, and its other 18 row ends from Row 1 up to Row 18. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 43 sts | (44 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off and take both tails to the inside. | |


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### Collar: make 2, one for each slipper

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the outside of the slipper facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 46 places, beginning at the middle of the heel: 16 stitches of the slipper, then 14 stitches of the apron, then 16 stitches of the slipper. The first is stitch 1 of Rnd 5. Go along the side to the seam, across the last row of the apron, and from the other end of the seam, at stitch 61, back to the heel. The seam itself is not worked into. The collar is worked in a spiral. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 45 sts | (46 sc) |
| | The next rounds go into the back loops only. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Sc in BLO of each st around | (46 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 3 to 6** | Repeat rnd 2. (46 sc) | |
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| ☐ **End** | Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91.5 cm). Roll the collar down over the outside, so that Rnd 6 lies on Rnd 1 and the ridges run round the roll. With the tail work in whip stitch once round: each stitch through both loops of a stitch of Rnd 6 and through the front loop of the stitch of Rnd 1 that stands below it; these front loops lie free on the outside. | |

## Finishing

- The two slippers are alike.
- Weave in the tails of the blanket stitch, which lie on the top of the sole, under the bars on each side of the heel, and the other tails on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces; 1,960 stitches (420 in each slipper, 240 in each apron, 44 in each seam, 276 in each collar).

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