Newborn cowboy booties

Newborn, foot 3¼ in (8.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

The sole is about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long and about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide; the opening is about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round. From the ankle up, the leg is about 1¼ in (3 cm) tall (rounds 16 to 23 of the boot), and the top stands about ¾ in (2 cm) higher (5 rows of the top) above that at the back

To fit a foot of 3¼ in (8.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook

3 mm

Gauge

24 stitches and 28 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: chocolate, the sole, the lower edge of the sides, the heels, the toe caps, the spur straps and the pull straps	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: camel, the foot and the leg	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the edging, the edge of the toe caps and the stars	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 3 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
Preemie	2¾ in (7 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm) long, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 115 yd (105 m)
Newborn (this file)	**3¼ in (8.5 cm)**	**3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**
To 3 months	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 155 yd (142 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right 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.

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.

point: Point (for the star): ch 3; working back along these chains, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and hdc in the next ch. It stands out from the edge, is not counted among the stitches and is not worked into. It leaves 1 point for the next row or round.

Gauge

24 stitches and 28 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After Rnd 4, the last round of the sole, the sole is about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long and about 1¼ in (3 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 boot 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 boot 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.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row or of a joined round is not counted and is not worked into; the first stitch of a joined round goes into the stitch that holds the joining sl st.
- 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).

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- Sew the chain strap down all the way round as the finishing tells, so that no loop of it stands off the boot, and sew every end fast.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Newborn, foot 3¼ in (8.5 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, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and hdc is half treble.

Boot: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, chocolate; B, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 15.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 12 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 12 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(49 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long and about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide. The tip of the toe is stitch 23 of Rnd 4, the middle one of the 3 sc in one stitch; 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 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc in each st around	**(49 sc)**

One stitch is taken away at the middle of the heel, so that the round has an even number.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 46 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st	**(48 sc)**

Toe

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

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 16 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, **[**dc2tog**] 2 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	**(35 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 16 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	**(35 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 15 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(33 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 14 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 17 sts	**(31 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 13 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(29 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 12 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(27 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 11 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	**(25 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**

Ankle

☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**

Leg

☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 23**	Repeat rnd 18. (32 sc)	

A box for each round, 19 to 23: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21 22 23

☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. The sl st is not a stitch of the edge: work into the sc that holds it as into any other. In Rnd 23, the last one, put a marker in stitch 15, which is above the tip of the toe. A spiral leans. Before you mark it, fold the boot flat along its length, with the middle of the heel at one fold: if the fold at the front comes 1 or more stitches later in the round than stitch 15, add that many to that number.	

Top: make 2

Yarn B, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 31 places, beginning in the stitch after the marked one: 31 stitches of the boot. The marked stitch stays free until the edging. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 30 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Edging: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join C with a sl st in the first of 34 places, beginning in the marked stitch at the front: 1 stitch of the boot, then 5 row ends of the top, then 23 stitches of the top, then 5 row ends of the top. Take the marker out. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 5 rows, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 5 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Toe cap: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, chocolate; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	

The cap is a half circle: the row is not joined, and the ring is pulled closed until the 3 sc stand in a half circle over a straight edge.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of C 15 in (38 cm) long to sew with.	

Spur strap: make 2

Yarn A, chocolate.

With A: Ch 35, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) at each end to sew with.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a slip knot.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 35	**(35 ch)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Laid flat and not stretched, the chain is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long: that is the 32 stitches of the ankle and a little more, because the chain goes round the outside of the boot. Lay it round the ankle along Rnd 16 before you go on. If its two ends do not meet, work it again with one or two chains more; if they lap over each other, with one or two fewer. The two ends should just meet.	

Star: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, point**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 5 points)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with.	

Pull strap: make 4

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 10**	Repeat row 2. (3 sc)	

A box for each row, 3 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with.	

Heel lift: make 4

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) to sew with.	

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Finishing

- Toe caps: lay a cap on the toe of each boot, right side out, with the middle of its straight edge on stitch 23 of Rnd 6, the stitch straight above the tip of the sole. The straight edge follows the top of Rnd 6, the last round of A, round the toe, half of it on each side of that stitch. The rest of the cap goes up from there: its curved edge points up and back over the top of the toe, towards the ankle, and the cap lies over the rounds of B and the decreases of the toe. No part of it lies on the sole or on Rnds 5 and 6 below the straight edge. Sew the straight edge down with a piece of A 12 in (30.5 cm) long. Then, with the cap lying flat and smooth, sew the curved edge with its tail of C to the stitches of the boot that it lies on.
- Spur straps: lay a chain flat round the ankle of each boot along Rnd 16. Let its two ends meet at the middle of one side, which is 8 stitches from the stitch above the tip of the toe: at one side on the first boot and at the other side on the second, so that both are on the outer sides of the pair. Sew the ends together and to the boot with one tail. Take the other tail to the inside and carry it round the ankle there, catching the chain down to the boot with one small stitch after every 4th chain all the way round.
- Pull straps: count the 23 stitches of Row 5, the last row of the top, from its right end as you look at the outside. Stitch 12 is at the middle of the back, stitch 4 at the middle of one side and stitch 20 at the middle of the other. At each side fold a strap in half across its length over the edging, right side out, so that the 3 stitches of its width lie over the 3 stitches of Row 5 whose middle one is stitch 4 or stitch 20. One end lies on the outside and the other on the inside, each reaching 3 rows down from the top of the edging, which counts as one of them; the rest of the strap stands up as a loop. Sew each end down with its tail along its three sides.
- Make the second boot the same; left and right are alike but for the place of the star.
- Heels: for each boot, lay two heel lifts under the heel of the sole, right sides down, one under the other, with their edges even with the edge of the sole at the back and at the two sides of the heel. With its tail sew the upper lift to the sole all round its edge, through the stitches of the sole; with its own tail sew the lower lift to the edge of the upper one, stitch to stitch.
- Stars: sew a star, right side out and one point straight up, over the place where the ends of each strap meet, with its middle on the strap. Sew round the whole edge, with a stitch at the tip of every point, so that no finger can catch in it.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 16 pieces.

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