Reindeer baby booties

6 to 12 months, foot 4½ in (11.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
The sole is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide; the opening is about 6 in (15 cm) round
To fit a foot of 4½ in (11.5 cm)

Skill
Easy

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: bark brown, the sole, the antlers and the eyes	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: reindeer brown, the sides, the toe and the ears	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: winter white, the cuff and the muzzle	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: holiday red, the nose and the line round the cuff	**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, 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
Newborn to 3 months	3½ in (9 cm)	3½ in (9 cm) long, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 85 yd (78 m)
3 to 6 months	4 in (10 cm)	4 in (10 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 100 yd (91 m)
6 to 12 months (this file)	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**
12 to 18 months	5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 125 yd (114 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, 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.

straight stitch: With the yarn needle, bring the yarn up at one end of the line and take it down at the other.

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 4½ in (11.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 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 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 small parts are worked in spirals too.
- 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).
- Sew the small parts on fast: tug at each of them before a baby wears the booties, and look at them again after every wash.
- 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.

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Instructions

Chosen: 6 to 12 months, foot 4½ in (11.5 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Bootie: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, bark brown; B, reindeer brown; C, winter white; D, holiday red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 10 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 4½ in (11.5 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**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, sc in each st around	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(44 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 8**	Sc in next 17 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 19 sts	**(36 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 15 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 17 sts	**(32 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 13 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 15 sts	**(28 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 11 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 13 sts	**(24 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 11 sts	**(20 sc, 4 dc)**

Cuff

☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With D, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Muzzle: make 2

Yarn C, winter white.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) to sew with.	

Nose: make 2

Yarn D, holiday red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

Stuff the ball.

☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc2tog**] 5 times**	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm); run it through the 5 stitches of the last round and draw them together, and sew with the rest.	

Antler: make 4

Yarn A, bark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Repeat rnd 2. (4 sc)	

A box for each round, 3 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. Do not stuff.	

Tine: make 4

Yarn A, bark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. Do not stuff. Sew the open end of a tine to the side of each antler, over Rnds 4 and 5 of the antler, so that its closed end points up beside the closed end of the antler.	

Ear: make 4

Yarn B, reindeer brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch	**(2 sc, 7 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Do not join. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The end with the two sc is the base of the ear, the end with the 5 hdc is its tip.	

Finishing

- Eyes: with A, work two closed eyes on Rnd 11 of the toe, with 2 stitches between them, centered on the middle of the toe. Each eye is as wide as 2 stitches: it is 3 straight stitches set end to end. The first goes from the top of the round down to its foot, the second runs level along the foot of the round, and the third goes up again to the top; go over all three once more in the same holes. Then work 2 short lashes, straight stitches as long as half a sc is high: from each end of the level stitch one, down and away from the other.
- Make the second piece the same; left and right are alike.
- Muzzle: lay it on the toe with its right side up and its long side across, with its middle on the middle of the toe and its lower edge on the line where the sides end and the toe begins. The middle of the toe is the middle dc2tog of a round, or the line between its two middle ones. Sew it down all round, through both loops of its last round; before the last 4 stitches put a little stuffing under it.
- Nose: sew the gathered end of a ball to the muzzle, over the stitches along its upper edge, in the middle: half of the ball lies on the muzzle and half reaches above it.
- Antlers: on each piece mark the middle of the front at the first round of the cuff: fold the piece in half along its length; the fold at the front is the middle. Sew the open ends of two antlers to the first round of the cuff, each over 2 stitches of the round, with 6 stitches between the two, 3 on each side of the middle. They stand up against the cuff and lean out to the side a little, with the tines toward the toe. Fasten each once more to the cuff at its red round.
- Ears: fold the base of an ear in half, right side in, and sew the fold together with two stitches. Sew the base just below the first round of the cuff, under the 3rd stitch from the middle of the front, in front of an antler, so that the ear points out to the side with its hollow to the front. One on each side of each piece.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 18 pieces; 1,420 stitches (552 in each bootie, 26 in each muzzle, 30 in each nose, 28 in each antler, 12 in each tine, 11 in each ear).

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