Rope sole slippers

Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm) · US terms



Finished size

The rope sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 4 in (10 cm) wide; inside the rim it is about 9 in (23 cm) long and about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide; a band is about 6½ in (16.5 cm) long (32 stitches) and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide; the back stands about 2 in (5 cm) high above the rim

To fit a foot of 9 in (23 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: marine blue, the blue stripes and the edgings	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: clear white, the white stripes	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: natural cotton, the soles	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: poppy red, the heel loops	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: strong scissors for the rope, adhesive tape to bind the ends of the rope, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and about 9 yd (8.5 m) of jute rope about ¼ in (6 mm) thick, cut in two equal pieces.

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
Women's extra small	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 235 yd (215 m)
Women's small (this file)	**9 in (23 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Women's medium	9½ in (24 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 260 yd (238 m)

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Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 265 yd (242 m)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In single crochet over the rope: 20 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Rnd 6, the sole is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 4 in (10 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. The foot stands inside the rim. The space there is about as long as the foot, and in every size about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide; where the ball of the foot is wider than that, it swells out above the rim, which is only one rope high.
- The bands, the backs, the edgings and the heel loops are worked in rows. Where a line says turn, the work is turned; the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the first st. In a row end the needle or the hook goes under two strands of the stitch that stands there. Where a row begins in a row end, the words "same st as the join" mean that row end.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the row before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. The color that rests waits at that edge and is drawn up again after 2 rows. When a color is done with, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Use a firm, smooth cotton. A crocheted sole slips on smooth floors; a sole of rope is for dry days and dry floors.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

Instructions

Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
(66 rsc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

rsc: Rope single crochet (UK rope double crochet), a single crochet over the rope: the rope lies along the top of the round before. Insert the hook in the st, yarn over behind the rope and draw up a loop to the front, below the rope; yarn over above the rope and draw through both loops on the hook. The rope lies inside the st, and the st counts as 1 st.

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Sole: make 2

Yarn C, natural cotton.

☐ **Foundation** — With C, ch 30.

The sole is worked over the rope 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 side that faces you is the right side; it is the underside of the sole. Lay the end of the rope against the chain, level with the 2nd ch from the hook, and take it along inside every stitch; bend it round the ends of the chain as you come there, and let it lie smooth, neither pulled tight nor loose.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — 3 rsc in 2nd ch from hook, rsc in next 27 chs, 6 rsc in last ch,
working along the other side of the foundation ch, rsc in next 27 chs, 3 rsc in last ch (66 rsc)

☐ **Rnd 2** — 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 27 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next st, 2 rsc in each of next 2 sts, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 27 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st (74 rsc)

☐ **Rnd 3** — 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 27 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st,
2 rsc in each of next 2 sts, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st,
2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 27 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st (86 rsc)

☐ **Rnd 4** — Rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 29 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 4 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 29 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts (94 rsc)

☐ **Rnd 5** — Rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts,
2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 29 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts,
2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 29 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st (106 rsc)

☐ **Rnd 6** — Rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts,
2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 31 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 4 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts,
2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 31 sts, 2 rsc in next st,
rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts (118 rsc)

Laid flat, the coil now measures about 9½ in (24 cm) in length and about 4 in (10 cm) in width. The middle of the heel lies between the last stitch and the first stitch of Rnd 6, the middle of the toe between stitches 59 and 60.

Rim

In the next round the rope lies on top of the rope of Rnd 6, not beside it, so that the rim stands up from the sole, away from you.

☐ **Rnd 7** — Rsc in BLO of each st around (118 rsc)

☐ **End** — Cut the rope on a long slant just past the last stitch, so that it thins out; sl st over the thin end into each of the first 2 sts of Rnd 7, to level the rim. Fasten off. The two sl sts are not stitches of the rim: later, work through each of them and the stitch under it as one.

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Back: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, marine blue; B, clear white.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the sole with its rim upward and its heel toward you, so that the outside of the rim at the heel faces you, and join A with a sl st in the first of 50 places, beginning with stitch 94 of the rim: 50 stitches of the sole. They are stitches 94 to 118 of the rim and then stitches 1 to 25, half of them on each side of the middle of the heel. Work under both loops.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 49 sts	(50 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 46 sts, sc2tog	(48 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 44 sts, sc2tog	(46 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 42 sts, sc2tog	(44 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 40 sts, sc2tog	(42 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 38 sts, sc2tog	(40 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 36 sts, sc2tog	(38 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 34 sts, sc2tog	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 30 sts, sc2tog	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging: on each of the two

Yarn A, marine blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the back facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 52 places, beginning at the sole: 10 row ends of the back, then 32 stitches of the back, then 10 row ends of the back. Go up one slope, across the last row and down the other slope to the sole.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, sc in next 32 sts, sc in end of each of next 10 rows	(52 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Band: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, marine blue; B, clear white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 33, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(32 sc)

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☐ **Rows 6 to 10**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 10, is worked as row 2. (32 sc) 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew with. There is a tail of A at each short end.	

Heel loop: make 2

Yarn D, poppy red.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 17, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Finishing

- Bands: each slipper has a lower band and an upper band, which cross over the foot, right side up. Count the stitches of the rim, Rnd 7 of the sole, from the middle of the heel, in the direction in which the round was worked. There are four places of 9 stitches each: stitches 26 to 34 and stitches 41 to 49 on one side of the sole, stitches 70 to 78 and stitches 85 to 93 on the other. Of these the second and the third lie nearer to the toe.
- First slipper: sew the lower band with one short end at stitches 26 to 34 and the other end, across the sole, at stitches 70 to 78. Then sew the upper band with one short end at stitches 41 to 49 and the other at stitches 85 to 93, so that it passes over the lower band and crosses it in the middle.
- Second slipper: it mirrors the first. Sew the lower band at stitches 41 to 49 and stitches 85 to 93, then the upper band over it at stitches 26 to 34 and stitches 70 to 78.
- Heel loops: the middle of the edging of the back is stitch 26 of the edging and the one after it. Fold a loop in half across its length over that place, so that one end lies on the outside of the back and the other on the inside, each reaching ½ in (1.5 cm) down from the edge; the rest stands up. Sew the end on the outside down with the tail that hangs there, and the end on the inside with the other tail. Weave in the rest of these tails on the inside.
- Weave in the tails of the soles, of the backs and of the edgings on the inside. The tails of B in the bands go into the wrong side of a band.
- How a short end is sewn: it is 10 rows wide. Stand it inside the rim, so that its short end stands on the sole, its right side lies against the inner side of the rim, and the 10 rows spread along the 9 stitches. With the tail there sew through the rim and the band from the outside to the inside and back: one stitch for each of the 9 stitches of the rim, the needle going under both loops at the top of that stitch and through the band 2 stitches above its short end. Go back along the short end itself: one stitch for each row, through the edge of the band and the top of the sole beside the foot of the rim. Fasten off on the inside.

In all: 10 pieces.

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