Shark socks

Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) long from heel to toe and about 7½ in (19 cm) round the foot. The leg, from the top of the heel seam, is about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall, about 8 in (20.5 cm) round at the ankle and the same at the top
To fit a foot of 8 in (20.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

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: shark slate, the sock, the mouth and the fins	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tooth white, the lower jaw, the teeth and the rims of the eyes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral red, the inner cuff	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ink, the eyes and the gills	**about 5 yd (5 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 short length of smooth yarn for the guide lines.

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
6 to 12 months, foot 4½ in (11.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm) long, 5 in (12.5 cm) round	about 145 yd (133 m)
18 to 24 months, foot 5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	5½ in (14 cm) long, 5½ in (14 cm) round	about 165 yd (151 m)
Child, foot 7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm) long, 7 in (18 cm) round	about 280 yd (256 m)
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm) long, 7½ in (19 cm) round**	**about 305 yd (279 m)**
Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 375 yd (343 m)

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Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	9½ in (24 cm) long, 9 in (23 cm) round	about 395 yd (361 m)
Women's large, foot 10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 9 in (23 cm) round	about 410 yd (375 m)

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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sk	skip

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.

FPdc (Front post double crochet (UK raised treble at the front)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row or round.

BPdc (Back post double crochet (UK raised treble at the back)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row or round.

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

cusp: Cusp (one tooth): ch 5, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, hdc (half double crochet; UK htr: half treble crochet) in the next ch, dc in the next ch, tr (treble crochet; UK dtr: double treble crochet) in the next ch. It stands over the 3 places that are skipped after it, is counted as a cusp and not as a stitch, and is not worked into. It leaves 1 cusp for the next row or round.

Gauge

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

After the toe, when there are 30 stitches, the piece is about 7½ in (19 cm) round.

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.

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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, and left and right are alike. Each sock is worked in a spiral from the toe to the instep; then a heel is worked in rows and closed at the back; then the cuff and the leg are worked up from the opening, again in a spiral.
- In a spiral the rounds are not joined: the first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The right side faces you in every round. The rows of the heel are turned: the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- After the socks the mouth is worked: a ring in the free front loops of the leg, then two jaws in rows on that ring, then one round of teeth along the edges of the jaws and the ring. The small parts are spirals.
- 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).
- For a child under three, sew the eyes on fast, or work them in straight stitches instead.
- Crocheted soles slip on smooth floors: wear the socks on carpet or in shoes.
- 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: Child, foot 8 in (20.5 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, hdc is half treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Sock: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
Toe		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
Foot		
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 8 to 22**	Repeat rnd 7. (30 sc)	

A box for each round, 8 to 22: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

☐ **End**	The foot is now about 5 in (12.5 cm) long, from the tip of the toe. Sl st in the next st to level the round (the sl st does not count as a stitch) and fasten off.	

Heel: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	Flatten the foot so that the increases of the toe lie at its two side edges: one layer of 15 stitches is the sole, the other is the top. Leave the middle 11 stitches of the top free for the front of the opening. The heel is worked back and forth in rows over the other 19 stitches: the 15 of the sole and 2 at each end of the top. With the wrong side (the inside) facing you, join A with a sl st in the first of these 19 stitches: the one from which they all lie ahead of you and the free ones lie behind.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 18 sts, leave remaining 11 sts unworked	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	The heel has 14 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm). Fold the last row in half with the right sides together, so that its first stitch meets its last, and sew the 7 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each; the one stitch at the fold stays single. The fold lies under the heel and the two ends of the row at the top of the seam. Turn the heel right side out.	

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Cuff: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, shark slate; C, coral red.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st at the top of the heel seam. The first sc goes into the end of the last row of the heel, beside the seam, and the last sc into the same row end on the other side of the seam; the stitches between the row ends are those left free at the front. The cuff is worked in a spiral.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in end of each of next 14 rows, sc in next 11 sts, sc in end of each of next 14 rows	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(32 sc)**

Leg

☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 12**	Repeat rnd 4. (32 sc)	

A box for each round, 5 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

Inner cuff

Rnd 13 stands in the back loops, so that the front loops of Rnd 12 stay free for the mouth.

☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**

Sl st in the next st to level the round. From here the rounds are joined. The ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; the first stitch goes into the stitch the ch 2 stands on (a post stitch goes round its post), and the sl st that closes the round goes into the top of that first stitch.

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(32 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 16 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(16 FPdc, 16 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 17 to 20**	Repeat rnd 16. (16 FPdc, 16 BPdc)	

A box for each round, 17 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Mouth: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the sock upright, join A with a sl st in the first of 32 places, the free front loops of Rnd 12, beginning with the first stitch of that round, at the back: 32 stitches of the cuff. The mouth is worked in a spiral.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 31 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(40 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st (it does not count as a stitch) and fasten off.	

Upper jaw: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 18 places, the 18 stitches in the middle of the front: 18 stitches of the mouth. The first one is at the right-hand end, as you look at the front of the sock. Find them so: fold the leg flat with the heel seam at one fold; the middle of the front is the other fold, and 9 of the stitches lie on each side of it.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 17 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lower jaw: make 2

Yarn B, tooth white.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 14 places, the 14 stitches in the middle of the back: 14 stitches of the mouth. The first one is at the right-hand end, as you look at the back of the sock. The middle of the back is the fold at the heel seam, and 7 of the stitches lie on each side of it.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Teeth: make 2

Yarn B, tooth white.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 44 places, beginning at the foot of the right-hand edge of the upper jaw and going up along that edge: 6 row ends of the upper jaw, then 8 stitches of the upper jaw, then 6 row ends of the upper jaw, then 4 stitches of the mouth, then 3 row ends of the lower jaw, then 10 stitches of the lower jaw, then 3 row ends of the lower jaw, then 4 stitches of the mouth. The stitches of the mouth between the jaws are the ones that were left free. In the line below every place counts as a st, a row end as well as a stitch. The teeth stand on the jaws, and the free stitches of the mouth take sl sts.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sl st in same st as the join, cusp, sk next 3 sts, **[**sl st in next st, cusp, sk next 3 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in next 4 sts, **[**sl st in next st, cusp, sk next 3 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in next 4 sts, sl st in first sl st to join	**(17 sl sts, 9 cusps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Pull the teeth to points with the fingers.	

Back fin: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The fin is not filled: press it flat with the increases at one edge, and pull the tip to a point with the fingers. The edge with the increases slopes, and the open end is its base, 8 stitches wide.	

Side fin: make 4

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The fin is not filled: press it flat with the increases at one edge, and pull the tip to a point with the fingers. The edge with the increases slopes, and the open end is its base, 6 stitches wide.	

Upper tail fin: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The fin is not filled: press it flat with the increases at one edge, and pull the tip to a point with the fingers. The edge with the increases slopes, and the open end is its base, 7 stitches wide.	

Lower tail fin: make 2

Yarn A, shark slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with. The fin is not filled: press it flat with the increases at one edge, and pull the tip to a point with the fingers. The edge with the increases slopes, and the open end is its base, 4 stitches wide.	

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Eye: make 4

Yarns in order of use: D, ink; B, tooth white.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With B, 2 sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

Finishing

- First mark the middle of the top of each foot. Lay the sock on its sole, with the leg away from you. With a piece of yarn of another color, baste a guide line on the top, straight from the front of the opening to the middle of the foundation ch at the tip of the toe: it begins in the 6th of the 11 stitches at the front of the opening. Take it out when all is sewn.
- Back fin: set it upright on the guide line, with its sloping edge toward the leg and its tip toward the toe, and sew the two layers of its base to the foot over Rnds 12 to 19.
- Tail: it stands upright on the tip of the toe, in one line with the guide line. Through both layers of its base sew the upper tail fin to the top of the toe along the guide line: its base begins at the middle of the foundation ch and runs back over Rnds 1 to 7, with the sloping edge toward the back fin, so that the fin points up and forward. Through both layers of its base sew the lower tail fin to the underside of the toe in the same way, in the line that goes straight on from the guide line: its base begins at the same place, at the middle of the foundation ch, and runs down and back over Rnds 1 to 4, with the sloping edge toward the heel, so that the fin points forward and clears the floor. Seen from the side the two make the forked tail of a shark.
- Side fins: through both layers sew the base of a side fin to each side of the sock, level, along the line where the cuff was joined to the row ends of the heel: the 6 stitches of its base lie over the 6 row ends nearest to the front of the opening, with the sloping edge toward the heel, so that the fins point out to the sides and toward the toe.
- Eyes: sew one to each side of the upper jaw, right side outward, with its middle on Row 2 of the jaw and 3 stitches from the middle of the front. With B, work 2 straight stitches over one another, as long as one sc is wide, over the upper edge of the dark middle.
- Gills: with D, work 3 upright straight stitches on each side of the leg, each as high as 3 rounds, over Rnds 9 to 11 of the cuff, on the 6th, 8th and 10th stitch from the middle of the front; go over each of them once more in the same two holes.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 18 pieces.

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