Slingback beach sandals

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



Finished size

The sandal is about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long and about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide over the points of its wave; a strap is 6¾ in (17 cm) long (27 stitches) and about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide; the sling is 7½ in (19 cm) long (30 stitches)

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: sea turquoise, the straps, the slings, the tabs and the wave	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: shell white, the mesh rows and the first round of the edge	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sand, the soles	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, the buttons	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 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: a stitch marker, 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
Girls' small	7 in (18 cm)	7½ in (19 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 160 yd (146 m)
Girls' large	8 in (20.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 175 yd (160 m)
Women's extra small	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide	about 215 yd (197 m)
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide	about 225 yd (206 m)

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Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide	about 245 yd (224 m)
Women's extra large	10½ in (26.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide	about 255 yd (233 m)

Gauge

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

After the last round of a sole, it is about 9½ in (24 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 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. Four soles are worked, two for each sandal.
- The straps, the slings and the tabs are worked in rows, and the work is turned at the end of every row. The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the first st.
- To change color in a strap, 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. Cut the old color at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). After a joined round, draw the new color through with the sl st that closes it.
- In raffia use a hook that gives the same gauge. The soles grip dry sand and paving; they slip on smooth wet floors. Rinse them in fresh water and dry them flat.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring (MR): lay the yarn round two fingers to form a loop, insert the hook in the loop, draw the working yarn through and ch 1 (this ch does not count as a stitch); work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 26 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 24 times: work what is inside 24 times in all.
(60 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Sole: make 4

Yarn C, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 29.	
	The sole is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 26 chs, 4 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 26 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(76 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	Laid flat, the sole now measures about 9½ in (24 cm) in length and about 2¾ in (7 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 44 and 45. Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Edge: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, shell white; A, sea turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Weave in the tails of the soles on their wrong sides. Lay two soles one on the other with the wrong sides inside, heel to heel, so that the first stitch of Rnd 6 of each lies against the last stitch of Rnd 6 of the other. With the right side of one sole facing you, join B with a sl st in the first stitch of Rnd 6 of that sole; the edge is worked into the 88 stitches of that round. Every stitch of Rnd 1 goes through both loops of both soles. The sl st that leveled the edge of a sole is not a stitch: work through it and the stitch under it as one.	

The edge is two joined rounds; the side that faces you is the top of the sandal.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

The next round makes the wave. Draw A through with the sl st that closes Rnd 1, and cut B. The ch 1 is not counted; the first sl st of the wave goes into the stitch at the foot of the ch 1, and the round is closed with a sl st in that first sl st.

☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, **[**sl st in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	(24 sl sts, 48 sc, 24 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Hide the tails of the edge on the underside.	

Strap: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, sea turquoise; B, shell white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 28, 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	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 2, turn, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	(14 dc, 13 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 13 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 8**	Repeat rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, row 8, is worked as row 2.	

5 6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew with. There is a tail at each short end.	

Sling: make 2

Yarn A, sea turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	(30 sc)

The next row leaves a buttonhole, 2 stitches from its first stitch.

☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 26 sts	(28 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew with. It hangs at the short end that has no buttonhole.	

Tab: make 2

Yarn A, sea turquoise.

☐ **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, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with.	

Button: make 2

Yarn D, coral.

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

The two rounds are a spiral: they are not joined, and Rnd 2 begins in the first sc of Rnd 1.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm). Pull the ring closed and push its tail inside as a filling. Run the long tail through the 6 stitches of Rnd 2, draw up tightly to a ball, and fasten. Sew with the rest of the tail.	

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Finishing

- Count the stitches of Rnd 1 of the edge, the round of B, with the top of the sandal facing you and its toe away from you. The middle of the heel lies between the first and the last stitch of the round. Stitch 1 is the stitch just to the right of it; the numbers run up the right side to the toe and down the left side to stitch 96, just to the left of it. That is the direction in which the round was worked; a left-handed maker numbers the stitches in the same way, against the direction of the work.
- Straps: each sandal has a lower strap and an upper strap, which cross over the foot, right side up. There are four places of 8 stitches each: stitches 19 to 26 and stitches 32 to 39 on the right side, stitches 58 to 65 and stitches 71 to 78 on the left side. The second and the third lie nearer to the toe.
- Left sandal: sew the lower strap at stitches 19 to 26 and stitches 58 to 65, then the upper strap over it at stitches 32 to 39 and stitches 71 to 78. Right sandal: sew the lower strap at stitches 32 to 39 and stitches 71 to 78, then the upper strap over it at stitches 19 to 26 and stitches 58 to 65.
- Tabs and slings: the outer side of the left sandal is its left side, stitches 80 to 83; the outer side of the right sandal is its right side, stitches 14 to 17. Sew a tab, by the short end where its tail hangs, at these 4 stitches of the outer side, and the end of a sling that has no buttonhole at 4 stitches of the inner side (stitches 14 to 17 on the left sandal, stitches 80 to 83 on the right sandal). Each is 4 rows wide, one row to a stitch: sew it in the same way as the straps, close inside the edge, its right side against the edge, so that it stands up.
- How a short end of a strap is sewn: it has 8 rows, and two of them are tall. Stand it on the top of the sole close inside Rnd 1 of the edge, its right side against the edge, its corners at the first and the last of the 8 stitches. Use the tail at that end. Sew with 1 stitch beside each of the 8 stitches: the needle goes from the right side through the strap just above its short end, down through both soles, and up again between the edge and the strap. Go along a second time, back to the corner where you began, and fasten off on the wrong side of the strap.
- Buttons: sew a button on the right side of each tab, between its 2nd and 3rd stitch from the free end and between its 2nd and 3rd row. Lead the sling round behind the heel with its right side outward, and button it. To make the sling looser or closer, move the button along the tab.
- Weave in the tails that are left, those of A and of B at the color changes of the straps too: each on the wrong side of the piece it hangs from.

In all: 14 pieces; 3,244 stitches (444 in each sole, 192 in each edge, 190 in each strap, 118 in each sling, 32 in each tab, 12 in each button).

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