Chair socks with ribbed tops

Square chair leg, 5¼ to 6¼ in (13.5 to 16 cm) round · US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) round and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: charcoal, the base and the foot	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, the middle of the band and the ribbed top	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, the band	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Round chair leg, 3¾ to 4¾ in (9.5 to 12 cm) round	4½ in (11.5 cm) round, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall	about 115 yd (105 m)
Round chair leg, 4¾ to 6¼ in (12 to 16 cm) round	6 in (15 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall	about 170 yd (155 m)
Round chair leg, 6¼ to 7¾ in (16 to 19.5 cm) round	7½ in (19 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall	about 240 yd (219 m)
Square chair leg, 3½ to 4¼ in (9 to 11 cm) round	4 in (10 cm) round, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall	about 105 yd (96 m)
Square chair leg, 4¼ to 5¼ in (11 to 13.5 cm) round	5 in (12.5 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall	about 140 yd (128 m)
Square chair leg, 5¼ to 6¼ in (13.5 to 16 cm) round (this file)	**6 in (15 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall**	**about 165 yd (151 m)**

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Square chair leg, 6¼ to 7¼ in (16 to 18.5 cm) round	7 in (18 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall	about 220 yd (201 m)
Square chair leg, 7¼ to 8¼ in (18.5 to 21 cm) round	8 in (20.5 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall	about 250 yd (229 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)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

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 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 round.

Gauge

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

After Rnd 3, lay the base flat: it is about 1½ in (4 cm) on each side.

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 round the chair leg about 2 in (5 cm) above the floor and choose the size whose range holds that measure, with the base that has the shape of the leg. Where the measure is the end of one range and the beginning of the next, choose the larger of the two. A set for a chair is 4 socks; for a table or more chairs, work as many more.
- Cotton yarn keeps its shape under a chair. Turn a chair over now and then and look whether the base of a sock is worn.
- The base, the foot and the band are worked from the bottom up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of each 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 always faces you and the work is not turned, except where a line says so.

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- The magic ring (MR), step by step: wrap the yarn round two fingers so that it crosses over its tail and slide the loop off. Insert the hook in the loop, draw up a loop of the yarn that comes from the ball, and ch 1 to hold it; this ch 1 is not counted as a stitch and is not worked into. Work the first round into the big loop, over its two strands, the loop and the tail, then pull the tail to close it.
- 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).
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

Instructions

Chosen: Square chair leg, 5¼ to 6¼ in (13.5 to 16 cm) round. 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 and dc is treble.

Chair sock: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, charcoal; C, rust; B, oatmeal.

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

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**

Foot

The next round is worked in the back loops only, which turns the base up into the foot.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Repeat rnd 5. (24 sc)	

A box for each round, 6 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

Band

☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

Ribbed top

☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

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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 of the round 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 17**	Ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(12 FPdc, 12 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 22**	Repeat rnd 18. (12 FPdc, 12 BPdc)	

A box for each round, 19 to 22: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21 22

☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Pull a sock over each chair leg until the base lies flat under it, a corner of the base under each corner of the leg. The ribbing closes round the leg.
- Draw the tail of the ring in each base tight and fasten it inside. Weave in the rest of the tails on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces.

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