Tank slippers

Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
The sole is about 8 in (20.5 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide; the opening is about 11 in (28 cm) round
To fit a foot of 8 in (20.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: moss, the hull and the hatch	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, the sole, the edge, the treads and the barrel	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: khaki, the turret and the wheels	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, stuffing and pins.

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
Child, foot 7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	7 in (18 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide	about 175 yd (160 m)
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide**	**about 200 yd (183 m)**
Men's medium, foot 10½ in (26.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide	about 290 yd (265 m)
Men's large, foot 11 in (28 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	11 in (28 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) wide	about 315 yd (288 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)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)

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

11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After the last round of the sole, the sole is about 8 in (20.5 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.

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 that are worked in rounds are spirals too.
- The right side always faces you and the work is not turned, except where a line says so. The treads are worked in rows and turned; the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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).
- A crocheted sole can slip on a smooth floor: wear the slippers on carpet, or sew bought soles under them.
- 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: 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 and sc is double crochet.

Slipper: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, charcoal; A, moss.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 17.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 14 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 14 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(52 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 8 in (20.5 cm) long and about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide.

Sides

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

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(52 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 7**	Sc in next 20 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 22 sts	**(42 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 18 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 19 sts	**(37 sc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 16 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 18 sts	**(34 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 14 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 16 sts	**(30 sc, 4 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 12 sts, **[**dc2tog**] 4 times**, sc in next 14 sts	**(26 sc, 4 dc)**

Edging

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

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Tread: make 4

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm) to sew with.	

Wheel: make 20

Yarn C, khaki.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Pull the ring closed, sl st in the first sc and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with.	

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Turret: make 2

Yarn C, khaki.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew with.	

Barrel: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 7**	Repeat rnd 3. (6 sc)	

A box for each round, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7

☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. Stuff the barrel firmly.	

Hatch: make 2

Yarn A, moss.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the first sc and fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with.	

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Finishing

- Treads: find the first round of the sides, the one worked in the back loops. Counted from its first stitch, one tread lies over stitches 2 to 19 and the other over stitches 32 to 49, so that 12 stitches stay free at the toe and 4 at the heel. Pin each tread along that round, wrong side against the slipper, its straight long edge down and level with the edge of the sole, so that its ridges stand upright; let each end of the tread meet the end of its stitches. Sew it down along both long edges and both ends.
- Wheels: sew five to each tread, right side outward, halfway between its long edges, with their middles on these lines between rows: 2 and 3, 6 and 7, 10 and 11, 14 and 15, 18 and 19. Hubs: with B, work 3 straight stitches over one another, as long as half an sc is wide, in the middle of each wheel.
- Turret: stuff it lightly. Set its open edge on the top of the toe, centered on the middle of the toe, with the front of the edge on Rnd 8. Sew it down all round, through both loops of its last round.
- Left and right are alike.
- The middle of the toe is the middle dc2tog of a round, or the line between its two middle ones.
- Barrel: sew its open end by every stitch to the front of the turret, in line with the middle of the toe, over the turret rounds that stand upright, so that it points straight ahead over the toe.
- Hatch: sew it to the top of the turret, right side up, with the edge next to the barrel on the closed ring in the middle of the turret.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 32 pieces; 1,822 stitches (497 in each slipper, 98 in each tread, 8 in each wheel, 90 in each turret, 42 in each barrel, 6 in each hatch).

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