# Thread lace baby booties

Small · US terms



Finished size
**Sole about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round the ankle**

Skill
**Intermediate**
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
**Lace (0), 2 colors**

Hook
**1.5 mm (US steel 8)**

Gauge
**38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)**
In double crochet (UK treble).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: white | **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: shell pink, part of the bootie and the rose | **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate** |

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 36 in (92 cm) of satin ribbon 1/8 in (3 mm) wide, shell pink, white sewing thread and a sewing needle, a few sheets of tissue paper to fill the booties while they dry, a yarn needle and scissors.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Small (this file)** | **3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round** | **about 75 yd (69 m)** |
| **Medium** | 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) round | about 90 yd (82 m) |
| **Large** | 4¼ in (11 cm) long, 6¼ in (16 cm) round | about 110 yd (101 m) |

## Gauge

**38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)** in double crochet.

38 single crochet (UK double crochet) and 40 rows of single crochet to 4 in (10 cm); work the sole firmly. After round 3 the sole measures about 2½ in (6.5 cm) by ¾ in (2 cm). If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.


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# Instructions

Small. US terms.

**sc** single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **beg** beginning, **sk** skip, **tr2tog** 2 tr made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in same st: **both in one stitch**. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

**Working in the round**

[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (52 sc): the round now has 52; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: sp space, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

## Special stitches

**shell:** (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-1 sp.

**beg-shell (Beginning shell):** Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same place. It counts as a shell.

**picot:** Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

## Bootie: on each of the two

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| ☐ **Start** | With A, ch 20. | |

### Sole

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| ☐ **Round 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 17 chs, 3 sc in last ch,<br>working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each of next 17 chs, 2 sc in next ch,<br>join with sl st in first sc | (40 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 17 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc,<br>sc in each of next 17 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, join with sl st in first sc | (46 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 3** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next sc, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>**[**2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>[2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc | (52 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 4** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>**[**2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>[2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc | (58 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 5** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>**[**2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>[2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc | (64 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 6** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 4 sc, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>**[**2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>[2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc | (70 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 7** | Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>**[**2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc**] 3 times**, sc in each of next 17 sc,<br>[2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A | (76 sc) |


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Side and instep. The two booties are alike.

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| ☐ **Round 8** | Join B with sl st in back loop of first sc, ch 1, sc in back loop of same st,<br>sc in back loop of each of next 75 sc, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B | (76 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 9** | Join A with sl st in first sc, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 75 sc,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (76 dc) |
| ☐ **Round 10** | Sl st in each of next 4 dc, beg-shell in same st,<br>**[**sk next 4 dc, shell in next dc**] 3 times**, sk next 3 dc, dc in each of next 24 dc,<br>sk next 3 dc, shell in next dc, **[**sk next 4 dc, shell in next dc**] 5 times**,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (64 dc, 10 ch-1 sps) |
| ☐ **Round 11** | Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp,<br>**[**shell in next shell**] 3 times**, sk next 2 dc,<br>**[**tr2tog over next 2 sts, tr in each of next 2 sts**] 6 times**,<br>**[**shell in next shell**] 6 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (40 dc, 12 tr, 6 tr2tog, 10 ch-1 sps) |
| ☐ **Round 12** | Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp,<br>**[**shell in next shell**] 3 times**, sk next 2 dc,<br>**[**tr2tog over next 2 sts, tr in next st**] 6 times**, **[**shell in next shell**] 6 times**,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (40 dc, 6 tr2tog, 6 tr, 10 ch-1 sps) |
| ☐ **Round 13** | Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp,<br>**[**shell in next shell**] 3 times**, sk next 2 dc, **[**tr2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**,<br>**[**shell in next shell**] 6 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (40 dc, 6 tr2tog, 10 ch-1 sps) |

In the next round the shell at each side of the toe is worked into the instep: its 4 dc are stitches of the instep, and its ch-1 space is passed over.

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| ☐ **Round 14** | Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, [shell in next shell] twice,<br>sk next 2 dc, tr in each of next 3 sts, **[**tr2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**,<br>tr in each of next 3 sts, **[**shell in next shell**] 5 times**,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (32 dc, 6 tr, 4 tr2tog, 8 ch-1 sps) |

## Ankle and cuff

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| ☐ **Round 15** | Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc,<br>[dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc] twice,<br>[dc in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in each of next 2 sts] twice,<br>**[**dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc**] 5 times**,<br>join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4 | (32 dc, 18 ch-1 sps) |
| ☐ **Round 16** | Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc,<br>[[sc in next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, sc in next dc] twice,<br>[sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 2 dc] twice,<br>**[**[sc in next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp] twice, sc in next dc**] 5 times**,<br>join with sl st in first sc | (50 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 17** | Sl st in each of next 2 sc, beg-shell in same st,<br>**[**sk next 4 sc, shell in next sc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 sc,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (40 dc, 10 ch-1 sps) |


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| ☐ **Round 18** | Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1,<br>**[**shell in next shell, ch 1**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A | (40 dc, 20 ch-1 sps) |
| ☐ **Round 19** | Join B with sl st in first dc, sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),<br>(2 dc, picot, 3 dc) in same sp, sc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**(3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next shell, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**,<br>join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 | (60 dc, 10 sc, 10 picots) |
| ☐ | Fasten off. | |

### Rose: on each of the two

**Yarn B, shell pink.**

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| ☐ **Start** | With B, ch 22. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 20 chs | (21 sc) |

Leave a tail of 12 in (30 cm) where you fasten off at the end of row 2: the rose is sewn with it.

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| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next sc, sc in next sc**] 5 times** | (25 dc, 6 sc) |
| ☐ | Fasten off. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in the ends of the booties on the inside. Wet the booties, fill them with crumpled tissue paper to the shape of a foot, draw out each picot of the cuff, let them dry and take the paper out.

**2.** Roses: the tail of 12 in (30 cm) at the end of row 2 is the long tail. Lay the strip down with its wrong side up (the side that faced you in row 2) and its five petals away from you: the long tail is at your left (at your right if you crochet left-handed). Roll the strip up from the other end toward the long tail, so that the wrong side goes to the inside of the roll and the right side shows on the outside, and keep the foundation chain level all the way. Thread the long tail and sew back and forth through all the layers close to the foundation chain, 6 stitches, so that the roll cannot open. Draw the short tail into the roll and cut it.

**3.** Place a rose on the middle of each instep, flat side down, petals up, the middle of the rose over round 12 of the bootie (Medium: round 14, Large: round 15) and over the middle of that round's decreases. With the same tail sew the edge of the flat side to the instep all round, 8 small stitches, then fasten off on the inside.

**4.** Ribbon: cut two pieces of 18 in (46 cm). In the eyelet round (the first round under the heading Ankle and cuff) there are two eyelets in the middle of the front with 4 dc between them. From the outside take one end of the ribbon in through one of these two eyelets, come out at the next eyelet away from the middle, go in at the one after it, and so on all the way round: you come out at the other middle eyelet. Draw both ends even.

**5.** Tie the ends in a bow over the 4 dc, with loops about ½ in (1.5 cm) long. Cut the ends of the ribbon on a slant, about 5/8 in (1.5 cm) from the knot. With sewing thread sew through the knot and the stitches behind it 4 times, so that the bow stays tied and the ankle stays the width you want.

## Finishing

- Weave in any ends that are left on the inside.

In all: 2 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


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from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

## Notes

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- Small is for a foot about 3 in (7.5 cm) long, Medium for about 3½ in (9 cm), Large for about 4 in (10 cm). Measure from the heel to the tip of the longest toe.
- Round 1 goes round both sides of the foundation chain. After the 3 sc in the last ch do not turn the piece over: go on along the free loops of the chain. The last 2 sc of round 1 go in the ch that already holds the first sc.
- The first stitch after a ch 1 goes in the stitch with the joining sl st. In row 2 of the rose the first sc goes in the last sc of row 1, the one you turn on.
- In the first shell round (round 10; Medium: round 11, Large: round 12) there are 4 shells before the dc of the instep and 6 after them (Large: 5 and 7). So the instep lies over the middle of the toe, to within half a stitch, and the joins stay beside the middle of the heel.
- In the first shell round "sk next" passes over single dc of the round below. From the next round on "sk next 2 dc" passes over the last 2 dc of a shell, so that the next stitch is a stitch of the instep. "Next 2 sts" are the next 2 stitches whatever they are. The stitches that were passed with sl sts at the start of a shell round stay unworked at its end. From the second shell round on the last 2 dc of the last shell of the round below stay unworked there too.
- The front loops left by the pink round make a fine ridge round the sole.

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