Toddler cowboy boots

Toddler, foot 5¾ in (14.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

The sole is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide; the opening is about 10 in (25.5 cm) round. From the ankle up, the leg is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall (rounds 16 to 26 of the boot), and its sides stand about 1¼ in (3 cm) higher (6 rows of the first side) above that

To fit a foot of 5¾ in (14.5 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: dark brown, the sole, the lower edge of the sides and the heel	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chestnut brown, the foot, the ankle and the straps	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: turquoise, the leg	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the edging and the stitched lines	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 4 stitch markers, 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
Toddler, foot 5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 195 yd (178 m)
Toddler, foot 5¾ in (14.5 cm) (this file)	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
Toddler, foot 6½ in (16.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide	about 260 yd (238 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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.

surface chain: Hold the yarn on the inside of the boot. Insert the hook from the outside to the inside through the middle of the stitch that begins the line and draw up a loop. [Insert the hook through the middle of the next stitch named, draw up a loop and draw it through the loop on the hook] as often as stitches are named; keep the chains loose, so that the fabric stays flat. At the end cut the yarn, draw the tail up through the last loop, take it to the inside just beyond that loop and weave it in. It leaves 1 surface chain for the next row or round.

Gauge

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

After Rnd 4, the last round of the sole, the sole is about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 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 boot is worked from the sole up in one spiral: the rounds are not joined, and the first stitch of a round is worked into the first stitch of the round before. The first stitch of each round of the boot is at the back, a little to one side of the middle of the heel. Keep one marker in it and move it up every round.
- The right side, which is the outside, always faces you and the work is not turned, except in the parts and lines that say so.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row or of a joined round is not counted and is not worked into; the first stitch of a joined round goes into the stitch that holds the joining sl st.

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- 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 slips on smooth floors. For a child who walks, sew a leather or suede sole under it.
- 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: Toddler, foot 5¾ in (14.5 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 and hdc is half treble.

Boot: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, dark brown; B, chestnut brown; C, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	

Sole

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 15 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 15 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(55 sc)**

The sole, laid flat, is now about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long and about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide. The tip of the toe is stitch 26 of Rnd 4, the middle one of the 3 sc in one stitch; put a second marker in it and move it up into the stitch above it in every round as far as the last round of the toe; then take it out.

Sides

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

☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, sc in each st around	**(55 sc)**

One stitch is taken away at the middle of the heel, so that the round has an even number.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 52 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st	**(54 sc)**

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Toe

In each of the next rounds the dc in the middle stands on the tip stitch, the one with the second marker.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 21 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 24 sts	**(45 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 20 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 23 sts	**(43 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 19 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	**(41 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 18 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	**(39 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 17 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	**(37 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 16 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	**(35 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 15 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(33 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**

Ankle

☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**

Leg

☐ **Rnd 18**	With C, sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 26**	Repeat rnd 19. (40 sc)	

A box for each round, 20 to 26: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **End** Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off. The sl st is not a stitch of the edge: work into the sc that holds it as into any other. Two stitches of Rnd 26, the last one, are marked next. The front stitch is stitch 19, above the tip of the toe. A spiral leans, so first fold the boot flat along its length, with the middle of the heel at one fold: if the fold at the front comes at a later stitch of the round than stitch 19, the stitch at that fold is the front stitch. Put a marker in the front stitch. Then count on along the round, beginning with the stitch after it, and put a second marker in the stitch you count as 20: that is the back stitch, at the middle of the back. Where the count comes past stitch 40, the last one of the round, go on counting with stitch 1 of the same round. (From stitch 19 the back stitch is stitch 39.) There are now 19 stitches between the two marked ones on each side of the boot. The two marked stitches stay free until the edging.

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First side: make 2

Yarn C, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join C with a sl st in the first of 19 places, beginning in the stitch after the marked one at the front: 19 stitches of the boot. They end before the marked stitch at the back. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 18 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second side: make 2

Yarn C, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join C with a sl st in the first of 19 places, beginning in the stitch after the marked one at the back: 19 stitches of the boot. They end before the marked stitch at the front. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 18 sts	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Edging: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join D with a sl st in the first of 40 places, beginning in the marked stitch at the back: 1 stitch of the boot, then 6 row ends of the second side, then 7 stitches of the second side, then 6 row ends of the second side, then 1 stitch of the boot, then 6 row ends of the first side, then 7 stitches of the first side, then 6 row ends of the first side. Take the markers out as you come to them; the second single stitch of the boot is the marked one at the front. Work one on each boot.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Pull strap: make 4

Yarn B, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) at the start to sew with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 10**	Repeat row 2. (3 sc)	

A box for each row, 3 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with.	

Heel lift: make 4

Yarn A, dark brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

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Finishing

- Line 1: Rnd 19, the middle; Rnd 20, 1 to the right; Rnd 21, 2 to the right; Rnd 22, 3 to the right; Rnd 23, 4 to the right; Rnd 24, 5 to the right; Rnd 25, 5 to the right; Rnd 26, 4 to the right; Rnd 26, 3 to the right; Rnd 25, 2 to the right; Rnd 24, 2 to the right; Rnd 23, 3 to the right.
- Make the second boot the same; left and right are alike.
- Heels: for each boot, lay two heel lifts under the heel of the sole, right sides down, one under the other, with their edges even with the edge of the sole at the back and at the two sides of the heel. With its tail sew the upper lift to the sole all round its edge, through the stitches of the sole; with its own tail sew the lower lift to the edge of the upper one, stitch to stitch.
- Pull straps: fold a strap in half across its length over the edging at the middle of each side of the boot, right side out, so that the 3 stitches of its width lie over the middle 3 stitches of the last row of that side. One end lies on the outside and the other on the inside, each reaching 3 rows down from the top of the edging, which counts as one of them; the rest of the strap stands up as a loop. Sew each end down with its tail along its three sides.
- Stitching: with D, work four lines of surface chain on each side of each boot: a pair that curls in to a scrolled heart on the rounds of the leg, and a small pair above it on the first rows of that side. Stitches are counted from the middle of the side: in a row it is the middle stitch of the row, and in a round of the leg it is the stitch straight below the middle stitch of Row 1. Right and left are as you look at the outside of the boot with its sole down.
- Line 2 begins in the same stitch as Line 1 and is its mirror image: work the same rounds, with left for right.
- Line 3: Row 1, the middle; Row 2, 1 to the right; Row 3, 2 to the right; Row 3, 3 to the right; Row 2, 4 to the right.
- Line 4 begins in the same stitch as Line 3 and is its mirror image: work the same rows, with left for right.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 12 pieces; 3,102 stitches (1,163 in each boot, 82 in each first side, 82 in each second side, 44 in each edging, 30 in each pull strap, 60 in each heel lift).

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