Kids' unicorn slippers

Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 8 in (20.5 cm) long from heel to toe and about 8 in (20.5 cm) round the foot. The cuff is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) tall and about 8½ in (21.5 cm) round at the top

To fit a foot of 8 in (20.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the slippers and the ears	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the nose, the inner ears and ringlets	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the horn	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lilac, the edge and ringlets	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sky, ringlets	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: mint, ringlets	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: charcoal, the eyes and nostrils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, a short length of smooth yarn for the guide lines and a little stuffing.

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, 7½ in (19 cm) round	about 210 yd (192 m)
Child, foot 8 in (20.5 cm) (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm) long, 8 in (20.5 cm) round**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
Women's small, foot 9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 255 yd (233 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
WS	wrong 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.

straight stitch: With the yarn needle, bring the yarn up at one end of the line and take it down at the other.

Gauge

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

After the last increases, when there are 28 stitches, the piece is about 8 in (20.5 cm) round.

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, and left and right are alike. Each slipper is worked in a spiral from the toe to the instep, then a heel is worked in rows and closed at the back, then the opening is edged in a spiral.
- In a 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, unless a line says that the round is closed.
- The right side faces you in every round, except where a line says so. Rows are 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, pink; A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 8.	

Toe

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 5 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**

Foot

☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 18**	Repeat rnd 7. (28 sc)	

A box for each round, 8 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **End**	The foot is now about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long, from the tip of the toe. Sl st in the next st to level the round (the sl st does not count as a stitch) and fasten off.	

Heel: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Flatten the foot so that the increases of the toe lie at its two side edges: one layer of 14 stitches is the sole, the other is the top. Leave the middle 10 stitches of the top free for the front of the opening. The heel is worked back and forth in rows over the other 18 stitches: the 14 of the sole and 2 at each end of the top. With the wrong side (the inside) facing you, join A with a sl st in the first of these 18 stitches: the one from which they all lie ahead of you and the free ones lie behind.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 17 sts, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	The heel has 14 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm). Fold the last row in half with the right sides together, so that its first stitch meets its last, and sew the 7 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each. Turn the heel right side out.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, white; D, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st at the top of the heel seam.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in end of each of next 14 rows, sc in next 10 sts, sc in end of each of next 14 rows	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the edge. Fasten off.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. The free front loops wind up the horn. Stuff it firmly.	

Ear: make 4

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) to sew with. Do not stuff; press the ear flat, with the increases at its two edges.	

Inner ear: make 4

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next st	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with.	

Pink ringlet: make 4

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The strip curls by itself; wind it round a finger to even the curl.	

Lilac ringlet: make 4

Yarn D, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The strip curls by itself; wind it round a finger to even the curl.	

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Blue ringlet: make 4

Yarn E, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The strip curls by itself; wind it round a finger to even the curl.	

Green ringlet: make 4

Yarn F, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm) to sew with. The strip curls by itself; wind it round a finger to even the curl.	

Finishing

- First mark the middle of the top of each slipper. Lay the slipper on its sole, with the opening away from you. With a piece of yarn of another color, baste a guide line on the top, straight from the front of the opening to the middle of the foundation ch at the tip of the toe: it begins between the 5th and 6th of the 10 stitches at the front of the opening. Take it out when all is sewn. A stitch counted from the guide line is counted on one side of it: the stitch beside the line is the 1st.
- Nostrils: with G, work one straight stitch on each side of the guide line, over the height of Rnd 3, between the 1st and the 2nd stitch from the line.
- Closed eyes: with G, on each side of the guide line, work 3 straight stitches end to end, in a curve that hangs down toward the toe like a bowl. The four points of the curve are: the top of the 2nd stitch from the line in Rnd 9; the top of the 3rd stitch in Rnd 8; the top of the 4th stitch in Rnd 8; the top of the 5th stitch in Rnd 9. Lashes: from each of the last three of these points work one straight stitch that ends 1 round nearer the toe and 1 stitch farther from the line.
- Horn: set it upright on the guide line with its middle on Rnd 12 and sew it down by every stitch of its last round.
- Ears: lay an inner ear on the front of each ear, right side up, its wide edge on the open edge of the ear, and sew it down round its two sloping edges. Sew an ear to each side of the guide line on Rnd 13, pink side toward the toe and tip up, through both layers of its open edge; its inner corner is 3 stitches from the guide line, its outer corner 8.
- Mane: sew each ringlet on by the end that has the tail, two of one color at each of four places, one a stitch to the left of the middle and one a stitch to the right, so that they fall to the two sides: the pink ones on Rnd 15 of the slipper, behind the horn, and the lilac ones on its Rnd 18; then, at the middle of the front of the cuff, the blue ones on Rnd 2 of the cuff and the green ones on its Rnd 4.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 28 pieces; 2,736 stitches.

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