

CROCHET SMALLER ANKLE STRAP BOOTIES

Yarn:

3 ply yarn/soft baby yarn
baby pastel colors

** 3 oz skein will make 3-4 booties **

Needle/Hook:

Size F Hook

Measurements/finished size:

2.5" square

SOLE AND SIDES:

Round 1: Chain 10, DC in the 3rd chain from hook (counts as 2 DC stitches. DC in the next 6 chain spaces. 6 DC in the end chain space. DC in next 6 chain (opposite first 6 DC). 6 DC in the last chain space. Slip Stitch in the top of the 3-chain (26 total DC stitches in Round 1.

Round 2: Chain 3, DC in each DC of previous round. Slip stitch in top of the 3-chain. Chain 1, (total 26 stitches in Round 2) (the 3-chain counts as a DC stitch).

INSTEP AND TOES:

Round 3: SC in each of the DC around. Slip stitch in the 1st stitch. Chain 1, turn. Push backside of work to form inside of bootie.

TOE:

Row 1: SC 2 together 3x (starting with stitch in back of slip stitch). Slip stitch in the next open SC along the side. Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: SC in first SC space of previous row. DC in next SC space. SC in last SC space. Slip stitch in the next 2 open SC spaces along the side. Chain 1, turn.

Row 3: DC in SC space of previous row. 2 DC in DC space of previous row. DC in last SC space of previous row (4 DC complete Row 3). Skip 1 open SC along side and slip stitch in the next 2 SC. Chain 1, turn.

Row 4: SC in each of 4 DC of Row 3. Slip stitch in next 2 open stitches along side. Chain 1.

HEEL AND STRAPS:

Row 1: SC in each SC space around heel (11 SC), (leave 1 side SC open on **opposite side**).
Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: SC in each SC space of Row 1. Chain 12, slip stitch back along chain (11 stitches) to form first strap. Slip stitch in base stitch of chain. Turn.

Row 3: SC in each SC space of Row 2 around back of heel to other corner. Slip stitch into end space on row below. Chain 12, slip stitch back along chain (11 stitches) to form 2nd strap. Slip stitch into same stitch as base of chain.

Edging: *Chain 3, skip a space, Slip stitch into next space*, repeat around top of toe and around heel. Fasten off. These straps simply in a loose square knot.

Decorate toes of booties by sewing on tiny ribbon rosebuds or other appropriate embellishments. Stuff toes with cotton balls and secure pair together with a yarn tie.