

CROCHET PREEMIE BOOTIES

Yarn:

Lion Brand-Pound of Love

Needle/Hook:

Size 4.5mm or 7 Hook

Measurements/finished size:

2-3/4" toe-to-heel

SOLE AND SIDES:

Round 1: Chain 8, DC in the 4th chain and each of the next 3 chains. Work 7 DC in last chain. Working down opposite side of chain. Work 1 DC in each of the next 3 chains. Join with slip stitch to top of Chain 3.

Round 2: Slip stitch to next DC, Chain 1. HDC in same stitch, HDC in next 5 stitches (2 DC in next stitch) 3X. DC in next 6 stitches. Join with slip stitch to first HDC.

Round 3: Chain 1, HDC in joining stitch and in next 3 stitches (DC 2 together), (DC 3 together) 2X, (DC 2 together). HDC in last 4 stitches. Join with slip stitch to first SC.

Round 4: Chain 4, (DC in next stitch, chain 1) 2X, *skip next stitch, (DC in next stitch, Chain 1- 5 times. Skip next stitch.

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.