Low-Top Booties

sizes: sm preemie, medium/large preemie, newborn size determined by yarn weight

materials:

small preemie US C/D crochet hook *fingering weight yarn:* (MC) white-1/2 oz, (C1) green-1/4 oz, (C2) blue-1/4 oz *gauge:* 10 hdc/7 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

medium/large preemie

US E/F crochet hook *DK weight yarn:* (MC) white-1/2 oz, (C1) green-1/4 oz, (C2) blue-1/4 oz *gauge:* 9 hdc/5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

newborn

US F/G crochet hook *worsted weight yarn:* (MC) white-1/2 oz, (C1) green-1/4 oz, (C2) blue-1/4 oz *gauge:* 7.5 hdc/4.5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

all sizes: 24" of 1/4" or 3/8" satin ribbon

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations: ch: chain ext sc: yo, insert hook in designated st or row, pull up lp, yo, pull through 3 lps on hook. hdc: half double crochet rvs sc: reverse single crochet *sc:* single crochet *sc dec:* draw up a loop in the next st. draw up a loop in the following st and pull the loop through the loops on the hook. *sl st:* slip stitch

NOTE: ch 2 at beginning of any round will count as a stitch

instructions

with MC, ch 15

rnd 1: (side 1) dc in 4th chain from hook, dc in next 11 ch, 6 dc in last chain

(side 2) 12 dc in back side of chain (last stitch will be in bottom of ch-3). do not join or turn. (30 stitches)

- rnd 2: ch 1, sc in same st. work 1 sc in dc post (side of stitch), 1 sc between rows, 1 sc in ch 3. Working in back loops of prev row, 14 sc, inc 1 in next stitch, sc in next stitch, inc 1 in next stitch, 13 sc. sl st in ch-1 to join (36 stitches)
- rnd 3: join C1. ch1, sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in ch-1 to join.
- rnd 4: join MC. ch 2. sc in next st. *hdc in next st, sc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in ch 2 to join.
- rnd 5: join C2. ch 1, sc in same st. *hdc in next st, sc in following st. repeat from * around. end with hdc, sl st in ch 1 to join. clip.
- rnd 6: with MC, ch1, sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in ch-1 to join.
- rnd 7: join C1. ch 2. hdc in the next 11 st. ext sc in the next 2 st. sc in the next 4 st. 3 dec (toe), 4 sc. 2 ext sc. 7 hdc.



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sl st in ch 2 to join. (33 st)

rnd 8: ch 1, sc in same sp. work 11 sc. work 2 sc in next stitch (front "corner"). work 3 sc. [work sc dec, 1 sc] 3 times. work 2 sc. work 2 sc in next stitch (the other "corner". 7 sc. sl st in ch 1 to join. (31 st) Thread a neede with 6" - 8" of MC. Working from the wrong side, fold top of bootie in half, matching the "corners". Weave top of bootie closed working from the 2nd st of each corner to the toe. tie off and clip. (32 st)

rnd 9: join MC in center front seam. ch 2. hdc in each stitch around. sl st in ch-2 to join.

rnd 10: join C1. ch 1. rvs sc in same st and in each stitch around. sl st in ch-1 to join. tie off and clip.

finishing

weave in all ends.

weave 12" ribbon through the top hdc row, tying a bow in the center front.