

Quick and Easy Double-Crochet Booties

for preemies and newborns

needed:

sm preemie (2 1/2"): size US E crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce sports weight/baby yarn in main color (MC)

med preemie (3"): size US F crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce DK yarn

newborn (3 1/2"): size US G crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce DK yarn

all sizes: a small amount of coordinating color for trim (CC)

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations & techniques:

beg: beginning

ch: chain stitch

ch-X: refers to a chain or space previously made, e.g., ch-1 space

dc: double crochet

incr: work 2 st in next st

prev: previous

sc: single crochet

sk: skip

sl st: slip stitch

sp: space

st(s): stitch(es)

yarn used in picture: Patons Astra DK



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instructions:

ch 15

rnd 1: (side 1) dc in third chain from hook, dc in next 12 ch, 4 dc in last chain

(side 2) 12 dc in back side of chain. do not join or turn. (28 stitches)

rnd 2: ch 1, 1 sc in dc post (side of stitch), 1 sc between rows, 1 sc in ch-3

sc dec in across next 2 stitches, sc in next 24 stitches, sc dec in last 2 stitches. join to ch-1

rnd 3: ch 3, dc in each stitch around, join (30 stitches)

rnd 4: ch 3, dc in next 9 stitches, hdc in next stitch, sc in next 13, hdc in next stitch, dc in last 6. join to top of ch 3

rnd 5: ch 3, 9 dc, skip hdc and sc and make next dc in the first dc on the other side of the bootie (beginning of cuff). dc in remaining 6 stitches and join in top of ch 3.

rnd 6: ch 3, dc around, join and break off and weave in end

rnd 7: join contrasting color
-- for girls, sc in first stitch, *ch 3, sc in next stitch. repeat from * around. sl st in first sc. break off/ weave end

-- for boys, sc in first stitch, *ch 1, sc in next stitch. repeat from * around. sl st in first sc. break off/ weave end

finishing:

turn bootie inside out. thread tapestry needle with main color and weave top of foot closed through the back loops of the sts. tie off and weave end.

thread crocheted chain or satin ribbon (approx 12") through dc row on cuff and tie in a bow in front.

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