Patriotic Low-Top Booties

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

materials:
small preemie
US C/D crochet hook
fingerling weight yarn:
(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
gauge: 10 hdc/7 hdc row = 5 cm (2”)

medium/large preemie
US E/F crochet hook
DK weight yarn:
(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
gauge: 9 hdc/5 hdc row = 5 cm (2”)

newborn
US F/G crochet hook
worsted weight yarn:
(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
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

instructions
with C2, 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. sc in next 5 stitches (back of bootie). *ch12, sc in the next 4 stitches, repeat from * around. end 1 sc. sl st in ch-1 to join.

rnd 4: join MC. ch 2. hdc in each sc around, keep the ch-12 loops created on the previous round to the right side of the bootie. sl st in ch 2 to join.

rnd 5: ch 2. hdc in each stitch around. sl st in ch 2 to join.

rnd 6: with C1, ch1, sc in same st. sc in next 5 stitches.
*twist the ch loop so the right side crosses over the left, braid fashion and put hook through the loop, sc in next stitch. sc in the next 3 stitches. repeat from * across, ending with 2 sc. loops should now be attached to the bootie. tie off and clip.

dnd 7: join MC. ch 2. 15 hdc. 2 ext sc. 6 sc (toe). 2 ext sc. 11 hdc. sl st in ch 2 to join.

rnd 8: ch 2. 11 hdc. 2 ext sc. 4 sc, 3 sc dec (toe), 4 sc. 2 ext sc. 7 hdc. sl st in ch 2 to join. tie off and clip. (33 st)

rnd 9: join C1. 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 needle 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 weave in end.

rnd 10: ch 2. hdc in each stitch around, working 1 hdc in the center front join.

finishing:
weave in all ends.
weave 12” ribbon through the top hdc row, tying a bow in the center front.