**Patriotic Booties 2006**

**large preemie/newborn**

**materials:**
crochet hook size US F (3.75 mm)

fingering yarn (approximate yardages):
c1: white (50 yds), c2: red (20 yds), c3: blue (20 yds)
gauge: 1" = 5 hdc st/2 dc + 1 sc r

**instructions:**

**sole (worked with C3)**

leaving a 6" tail, ch 34. sc in 2nd ch and in each ch across (33 st)

1: ch 1. sc same st and next 14 st. ctr decr. work 15 sc to end. (31)
2: ch 1. sc same st and next 13 st. ctr decr. work 14 sc to end. (29)
3: ch 1. sc same st and next 12 st. ctr decr. work 13 sc to end. (27)

clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

holding the tops of the st together, weave the sole closed. tie off and weave in end.

thread 6" tail onto needle and weave through the row edges. draw up tightly, tie off and weave in end.

**foot (worked with C1)**

1: working in the back side of the starting ch, attach yarn in first ch. ch 1, sc in same ch and next 13 ch. sc decr. sc. sc decr. sc in next 14 ch and work one sc in the center back. sl st in top of first sc to join. (32 st)

2: ch 2. hdc in next 12 st. hdc decr. hdc. hdc decr. hdc in last 14 st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (30 st)
3: ch-1. sc in same st and next 11 st. sc decr. sc. sc decr. sc in last 13 st. sl st in top of first sc to join. (28 st)
4: ch 2. hdc in next 10 st. work 3 hdc decr. hdc in last 11 st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (25 st)
5: ch 1. sc in same st and next 8 st. work 3 sc decr. sc in last 10 st. sl st in top of first sc to join. (22)

**cuff:**

1: with C2, ch3. sc in next st. [dc in next st, sc in next st] 4x. ctr decr. [sc in next st, dc in next st] 4x. sc. sl st to top of ch 3 to join. (20 st)
2: with C1, ch1. sc in same st. *dc in next st. sc in next st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of first sc to join. clip c1. (20 st)
3: with C2, ch1. sc same st and in each st around. sl st in top of first sc to join.
4: ch1. sc in same st. *ch-2, sk 2 st, sc in next st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of first sc to join.
5: ch-1. sc in same st. *2 sc in ch-sp, sc in sc. repeat from * around. sl st in top of first sc to join.

if desired finish with a round of ch loops or picot edge. tie off c2. weave in all ends.

thread ribbon through ch loops.

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**abbreviations:**

ch: chain
ctr decr: draw up a loop in each of the next 3 st (4 loops on hook). yo and draw through all loops on hook.
hdc: half double crochet
hdc decr: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 st (3 loops on hook). finish as for a regular hdc
sc: single crochet
sc decr: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 st (3 loops on hook). pull the last loop through the other 2 loops on hook.
sk: skip
sl st: slip stitch
sp: space
st(s): stitch(es)
Cx: represents the colors, 1 - 3