



Baby-Bean Booties

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These unisex baby booties feature a bean stitch running across the toes, giving them extra cuddly-cute texture! A tall folded-over ribbed cuff helps them stay put on kicking baby feet.

Sizes

newborn-3 months (3-6 months, 6-12 months)

Finished Measurements

3.25 (3.5, 4)" foot length of sole. Booties fit best when sole measures about 0.5" shorter than actual foot measurement. But remember babies grow fast, so when in doubt, it's best to make a larger size.

Sizing Notes: Pattern is written in one size only and is adjustable for different sizes by changing hook size and yarn weight. For 0-3 months use a dk or sport weight yarn, for 3-6 months use a lighter worsted or dk weight yarn, and for size 6-12 months use a heavier worsted weight or Aran weight yarn. Use any hook size needed to get the gauge that is given for the size you want to make (see gauge section below)

Materials

- Approximately 125 yds [115 m] of acrylic, superwash wool, or an acrylic-wool blend yarn (see Sizing notes above to determine which yarn weight you will need)
- US E [3.5 mm] crochet hook for newborn-3 months, OR US F [3.75 mm] for 3-6 months, OR G [4.0 mm] for 6-12 months, OR size needed to obtain gauge (see gauge section below)
- Yarn Needle
- Removeable stitch markers

Yarn Used for Booties Shown

For plum-colored booties (shown in Newborn-3 months size)

We Crochet Brava Sport (sport weight, 100% acrylic; 340 yards [100 grams]: Fairy Tale #636360, 1 skein

For mustard-colored booties (shown in 3-6 months size)

Rowan Pure Wool Superwash Worsted (light worsted weight, 100% superwash wool; 218 yards [100 grams]: Gold #133, 1 skein

For tweed blue-colored booties (shown in 6-12 months size)

We Crochet Brava Tweed (worsted weight, 97% premium acrylic, 3% viscose; 218 yards [100 grams]: Heron #29508, 1 skein



Abbreviations

Blp = back loop
BS = bean stitch
 (see special stitches)
Ch = chain
HDC = half double
 crochet
Lps = loops
RS = Right Side
SC = single crochet
Sl st(s) = slip stitch(es)
St(s) = stitch(es)
WS = Wrong Side
YO = yarn over

Gauge

Work through Row 24 (22, 18) of Cuff directions. Piece measures 3.5 (3.75, 4.25)" wide (measured over 18 sts) by 4" in length.

Notes

The ribbing for the cuff is worked sideways in turned rows and slip-stitched to form a tube. Remainder of bootie is worked in the round with several short-rows worked in the bean stitch section to shape the top of foot. Sole is worked separately in the round without joins. Sole is slip stitched to Bootie Upper.

Turning chains in the ribbing do not count as a stitch.

Use a locking stitch marker to note the beginning of rounds.

Special Stitches

Bean Stitch (BS): Insert hook in next st and pull up loop (YO, insert hook in same st, YO and pull up loop) 3 times, (8 sts on hook), YO and pull through all 8 lps, (1 bean stitch made).

Note: after working the first row of bean stitch pattern, in each successive row all bean stitches are worked into the bean stitches from the previous row (not into the ch-1). Be sure to watch carefully as you complete a bean stitch to be able to distinguish between bean stitches and the ch-1 stitches that lay between them. Watch the video tutorial for tips.

Instructions

Ribbed Cuff:

Ch 19.

Row 1 (RS): Beginning with the second ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, 1 SC into each st. 18 sts.

Rows 2-26: Ch 1, turn, 1 SC blp into each of the next 18 sts. Row 26 is a WS row.

Do not fasten off.

Seaming

Ch 1, turn as if to work another row. Fold cuff with RS held together and foundation row directly in front of last row worked. Slip stitch edges together working through the back loops of the layer in front and the back loops of the layer in back. Sl st in each st across until each st of edge has been worked. 18 sl sts.

Do not fasten off.

Bootie Upper:

Rnd 1: Leave WS facing (Seam will be hidden later when cuff is folded down). Rotate 90 degrees clockwise in order to work along row-ends. Work 1 SC into each row end, for a total of 26 SC around edge of cuff. Do not join. 26 sts.

Rnd 2: SC in each of the next 9 sts, work short rows as follows: (BS, ch 1, sk next st) 3 times, BS, ch 1, place contrasting stitch marker in following st, *turn, ch 1 (this ch-1 is a turning ch and doesn't count as a stitch), (skip next ch-1, BS in next BS, ch 1) 3 times, BS in next BS, ch 1, repeat from * three more times, place stitch marker in first BS of last repeat, with RS still facing, rotate 90 degrees clockwise to work 8 SC equally spaced (as much as possible) along row ends ending just before contrast marked SC, beginning with marked st, SC in each of next 10 sts ending at back of heel (remove contrast marker). 19 sts around sides and back of cuff, 8 sts across the toe edge of short row section, and 8 sts along one side edge of short rows section for a total of 35 sts.

Rnd 3: SC in each of next 9 sts, 9 SC along row ends (alongside edge of short row section), beginning with marked st, SC in each of next 8 sts across toe, SC in next 18 sts ending at back of heel. 44 sts.

Rnds 4-5: SC in each st around. Fasten off. Place st marker in last SC made.

Sole

Ch 11.

Set-up row (RS): Beginning with the second ch from hook (first ch counts as turning chain; do not work into this ch on the next round) and working into the bottom of the chain, SC in next 10 sts. Do not turn. 10 sts.

Rnd 1: Keeping RS facing, rotate work (like turning a steering wheel) 180 degrees in order to work across the opposite edge of foundation chain. From this point on work in rounds with RS always facing. 3 SC in next st, SC in next 8 sts, 3 SC in next st, rotate work 180 degrees, 3 SC in next st, SC in next 8 sts, 3 SC in next st, do not join. 28 sts.

Rnd 2: SC in next st, 2 SC in next st, SC in next 9 sts, 2 HDC in each of next 6 sts, SC in next 9 sts, 2 SC in next st, SC in last st. 36 sts.

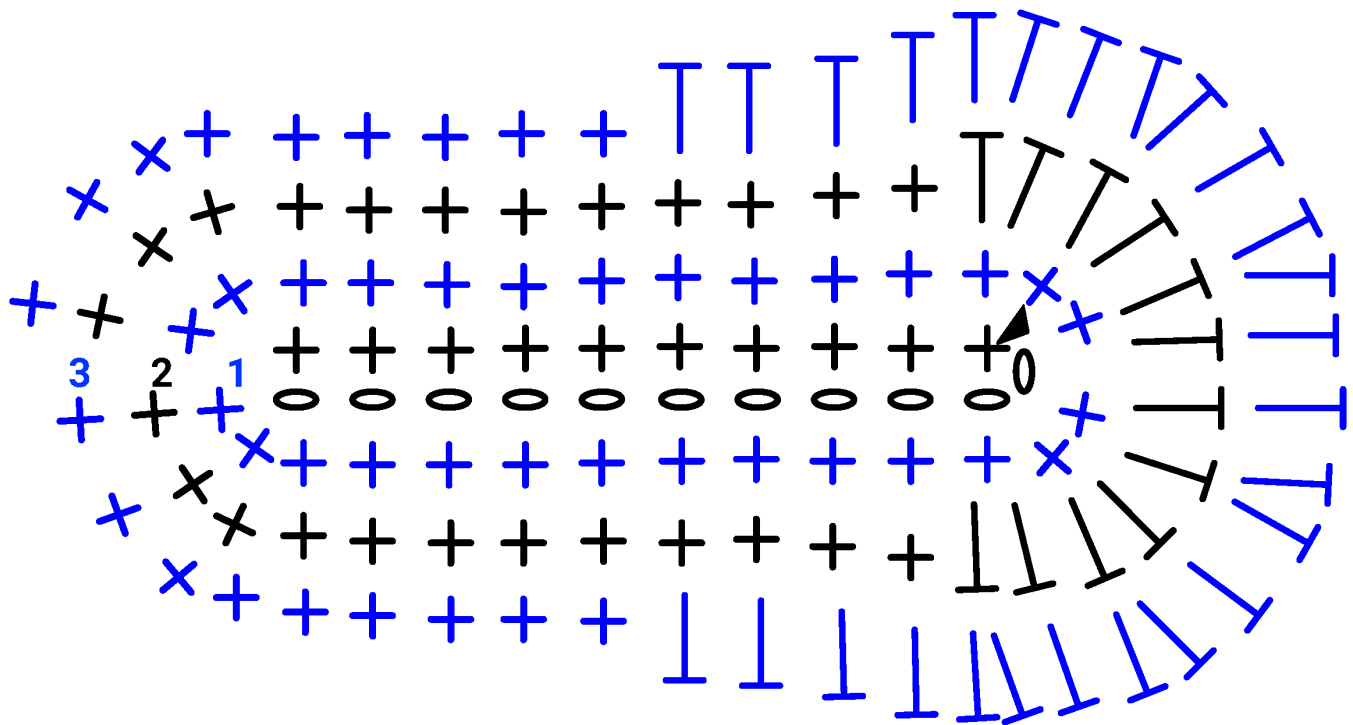
Rnd 3: SC in next 2 sts, 2 SC in next st, SC in next 5 sts, HDC in next 4 sts, [2 HDC in next st, HDC in next st] 3 times, [HDC in next st, 2 HDC in next st] 3 times, HDC in next 4 sts, SC in next 5 sts, 2 SC in next st, SC in next 2 sts, sl st to join but do not fasten off. 44 sts.

Place Bootie Upper behind Sole with WS together. Begin with same st as join (in sole) and marked stitch of Bootie Upper. Slip stitch layers together working under back loops of the sole and only the front loops of the Bootie Upper. 44 sl sts around. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends, block.

Baby Bean Booties Sole Chart



► Indicates beginning
of set-up row

○ ch

+ SC

T HDC

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