

SUPER EASY BABY BOOTIES - (revised February 2009) -- for the American Fork East Stake projects for Iraq, and other projects

Size G Hook, larger if you crochet tight.

YARN: Soft 3 ply baby yarn

This bootie is for newborns, please remember to use soft yarn for their tender little feet.

Bottom of bootie foot: Chain 27 (28)

ROW 1: DC in 2nd ch from hook. The first 2 chains count as the first dc here and throughout these directions 26 dc or (28). Ch 1 turn

*This row should measure about 6 1/2 to 7 inches long. This can be adjusted by using a size F hook or by adding or subtracting in the chain 27 row. You would need to add by 2's.

ROW 2: sc in the first dc, HDC (*half-double crochet - yarn over, pull through, three loops on hook, yo hook, pull through all three at once*) in next 2 dc, dc across row, in last 3 stitches do hdc in the first 2, end with a sc Ch 1, turn.

ROW 3: Repeat row 2

ROW 4: Repeat row 2, but at the end, just turn.

ROW 5: (*This next part forms the top of bootie*) Sl st loosely in the first 5 sts, ch 2 (counts as one dc) dc in the same stitch and in next 19 st (21) dc. You should have 4 unworked sts at the beginning and the end of the row, ch 2 and turn.

ROW 6: dc in same stich and in the next 18 dc (20) counting the first ch 2 there should be 19 (21) dc. At the end of the row do not ch 2, just turn.

ROW 7: Sc into 1st at nearest hook, ch 3. Sc in next st, repeat across to make the ruffle on the top. Leave 18" to 20" to whip st bootie together.

Finish off: Thread yarn into a big eyed needle and slip yarn through top of bootie stitches to top of bootie foot. Fold in half and whip-stitch toe and bottom of foot, matching stitches as possible. Tie off and weave in yarn.

Turn booties right side out and shape them with your hands to make them more puffy and rounded. Tops may be turned down or left up.

TIES: Chain about 70 chain st and weave with large needle through row 5. Loop the tie around the center back dc to keep the tie from coming out. Join pair together with ties or small slip of yarn.

Weave your love in every stitch!