

Preemie Girl and Boy Booties Patterns written by Marla Potter
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Size 2", 2½" or 3"

Supplies: 1/2oz (approximate depending on yarn and pattern) of Baby weight or baby sport yarn

F hook



Pattern written for 2½" booties with directions for 3" booties in parenthesis. To make a 2" size bootie use a size E hook with baby fingering or pompadour yarn.

FOOT: Chain 20 (28)

Row 1: Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each double crochet. (First 2 chains count as first double crochet.)

Row 2-3: Ch 1, turn. Double crochet in the first double crochet from hook and in each double crochet across (Do NOT skip first double crochet; the chain 1 does NOT count as the first double crochet.)

Row 4: Do NOT chain 1, but turn. Slip stitch in 1st 9 (14) double crochets, fold work in half and using a slip stitch in ONE LOOP ONLY of each side, join the 2 sides together. You should have 9 (14) slip stitches after your work is folded and both sides are joined.

Now, slip stitch in the 3 ends of the rows to form the toe, and in the next 4 (6) stitches. Slip stitch in next stitch of the BACK SIDE (the side away from you) ONLY and chain 2.

CUFF:

Row 1: Single crochet in next 11 (13) stitches. You should have 12 (14) single crochets (the chain 2 you just made in the first stitch counts as the first single crochet).

Row 2-3: Ch 2, turn. Single crochet in each single crochet across.

EDGINGS:

For a boy: Rows 1-3: chain 2, sc in each sc across. Finish off at end of row 3 and weave in end.

For a girl: Ch 1, 3 double crochets in first single crochet, skip the next single crochet, * 1 single crochet in next single crochet, skip the next single crochet, 3 double crochets in next single crochet, continue from * around. End by skipping last 2 sc, shell in last sc. (For 3" version, end with a 3dc shell in 3rd stitch from the end, slip stitch in last stitch.) Finish off and weave in end.

For both boy and girl booties: Turn bootie inside out so your seams are on the inside.

For girls: Weave a piece of coordinating ribbon or yarn through the 2nd from top row (not around the ankle but at the front as if lacing a shoelace) and tie a small bow.

For boys: Leave off the tie and fold cuff down on both sides