



Loving Hugs Newborn Booties

simple, quick, functional



Size H or I Hook

SOFT Worsted Weight Yarn

SOFT Baby Yarn

SOFT Baby Sport Weight Yarn

Fingering Yarn (use a G hook)

**Use numbers in parenthesis if you are using very thin or fingering yarns or for larger sizes.*

Chain 16 (18)

Round 1: **DC** in 4th ch from hook and in each of the next 11 (13) chs. Work 7 **DC** in last ch. Working down opposite side of chain, work 1 **DC** in each of the next 12 (14) chs. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 2: Ch 3. Work 1 **DC** in same st. **DC** in next 12 (14) sts, (2 **DC** in next st) 7 times. **DC** in next 11 (13) sts, work 2 **DC** in last dc. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 3: Ch 3. **DC** in each st around. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. 40 (44) dc. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 4: Ch 3. **DC** in next 15 (17) dc. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 5 times. **DC** in last 15 (17) sts. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 5: Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in next 12 (14) sts. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 6 times. **SC** in last 11 (13) sts. Join with slip stitch to first sc. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 6: Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in next 9 (12) sts. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 6 times. **SC** in last 8 (9) sts. Join with slip stitch to first sc. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 7 (do this round only if you have been using the numbers in parenthesis -- if you are using a very thin or fingering yarn, otherwise skip to Round 8): Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in next 11 sts. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 4 times. **SC** in last 8 sts. Join with slip stitch to first sc. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 8: Ch 3. **DC** in each st around. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. 24 (24) sts. **DO NOT TURN.**

Round 9: Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in each st around. Join with slip stitch to first sc. **DO NOT TURN.** (Alternate: may repeat this row for a higher bootie)

Round 10: Ch 1, **SC** in same st, *Ch 3, sc in next st, repeat from * around. Join with slip stitch to first sc. Finish off and weave in ends.

Alternate Rounds 9 & 10: You may crochet any pattern in rounds 9 & 10 to match a hat or blanket, etc. For example, if crocheting my Stretchy Crocheted Hat, simply work that stitch "sc in 1st st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st around" in Rounds 9 & 10, or just in Round 10. Experiment . . . the simplicity of this pattern makes it easy to adapt the final rounds to match your other pieces!

Ties (make 2): Crochet a chain approximately 17 inches long and weave through round 8 of dc in each bootie. Tie in a bow. If using fingering or lighter weight baby yarn, crochet your chain to 18 inches, then slip stitch in 2nd ch from end and in each ch to the end, or use 2 strands of yarn together. You may also use a good quality ribbon (1/4" - 1" wide) for ties.

****Decrease DC:** yarn over and insert hook in st, pull up a loop, insert hook in next st, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 3 loops, yarn over and pull through remaining 2 loops.