



Loving Hugs Preemie Booties

simple, quick, functional



Size H or I Hook

SOFT Worsted Weight Yarn, SOFT Baby Yarn, SOFT Baby Sport Weight Yarn, or Fingering Yarn (use a G hook)

**Pattern is for small preemie, numbers in parenthesis are for medium preemie. Using various weights of yarn and sizes of crochet hook, you can achieve many different sizes.*

Chain 13 (15)

Round 1: DC in 4th ch from hook and in each of the next 8 (10) chs. Work 5 (7) DC in last ch. Working down opposite side of chain, work 1 DC in each of the next 9 (11) 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 10 (13) sts, (2 DC in next st) 3 times. DC in next 9 (12) 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 next 9 (12) sts. (Decrease DC in next 2 sts) 5 times. DC in last 9 (12) sts. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 3. DO NOT TURN.

Round 4: Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in next 7 (10) sts. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 5 times. **SC** in last 6 (9) sts. Join with slip stitch to first sc. DO NOT TURN.

Round 5: Ch 1. **SC** in same st and in next 9 (8) sts. (Decrease **DC** in next 2 sts) 1 (5) time(s). **SC** in last 7 (6) sts. Join with slip stitch to first sc. DO NOT TURN.

Round 6: Ch 3. DC in each st. Join with slip stitch to top of ch 2. DO NOT TURN.

Round 7: 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 Round 7: You may crochet any pattern in round 7 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 Round 7. Experiment . . . the simplicity of this pattern makes it easy to adapt the final round to match your other pieces!

Tie (make 2): Crochet a chain approximately 15 inches and weave through round 6 of dc in each bootie. Tie in a bow. If using fingering or lighter weight baby yarn, crochet your chain to 17 inches, then slip stitch in 2nd ch from end and in each ch to the end, or use 2 strands of yarn together to do a regular chain. 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.