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Lamb Booties

Baby's first booties should be as cuddly soft as a lamb—make more than one set in a range of colors!

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What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Plush Baby, 3.5oz/100g balls, each approx 176yd/161m (acrylic/nylon)

- 1 ball #9100 Coconut

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Approx 10yd/9m pink yarn
- Green felt
- 4 black glass eyes, 7mm diameter
- 2 blue ribbons, each 36"/91.5cm long
- Polyester fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

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Plush Baby in Coconut



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length Approx 4"/10cm

GAUGE

14 sts = 4"/10cm over single crochet.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

lpst (loop stitch) See How-To on next page.

NOTES

1 The sole and sides of each Bootie are

worked in a continuous round, beginning at the center of the sole.

2 To begin the round at the center of the sole, stitches are worked around both sides of the ch-12 foundation chain. This creates a narrow oval shape.

3 The instep (top of foot) is worked back and forth in rows across the narrow end of the Bootie. The ends of the instep rows are joined to the top of the Bootie as you go.

BOOTIE

Sole (Make 2)

Ch 12.

Round 1 Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 ch, 3 sc in last ch; rotate piece to work across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 9 ch, sc in next ch (same ch into which first 2-sc were worked); do not join, work in continuous rounds—24 sc.

Place marker for beginning of round.

Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2 Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc,

2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in last sc—28 sc.

Round 3 Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc—32 sc.

Sides

Round 4 Lpst in each sc around.

Round 5 Sc in each sc around.

Rounds 6 and 7 Repeat Rounds 4 and 5.

Round 8 Lpst in each sc around.

Fasten off.

Instep

Hold Bootie with the narrow end facing you (toe end). Locate the center 6 sc across the toe end.

Row 1 Join A with sc in first sc of the center 6 sc at toe end, sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; leave remaining sts unworked—6 sc.

Note A sc2tog is worked at the end of each row of the Instep, by inserting the hook in the last Instep stitch and into the next sc of Round 8 (at the top of the Bootie). This joins the Instep



to the Bootie as you work and helps shape the top of the toe.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 5 sc, insert hook in last sc of Row 1 and draw up a loop, insert hook in next sc at top of Bootie and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (sc2tog made); leave remaining sts unworked—6 sc.

Rows 3–6 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 5 sc, insert hook in last sc of previous row and draw up a loop, insert hook in next unworked sc at top of Bootie and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (sc2tog made); leave remaining sts unworked—6 sc.

Cuff

Round 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in first 5 sc, insert hook in last sc of previous row and draw up a loop, insert hook in next unworked sc at top of Bootie and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (sc2tog made), lpst in each remaining sc around; do not join, work in continuous rounds—25 sts.

Rounds 8–14 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

LAMB FACE

(Make 2)

Ch 2.

Round 1 Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join, work in continuous rounds—3 sc. Place marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Rounds 2 and 3 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc at the end of Round 3.

Round 4 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] twice—14 sc.

Round 5 [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 7 times—21 sc.

Fasten off.

Place a small amount of stuffing in each Lamb Face and sew each over the top of one Instep.

EARS

(Make 4 – 2 for each bootie)

Outer Ear

Ch 6.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch; rotate piece to

work across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 3 ch, sc in last ch (same ch into which first sc was worked); join with sl st in first sc—10 sc. Fasten off.

Inner Ear

With pink yarn, ch 5.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—4 sc. Fasten off.

Sew one Inner Ear to center of each Outer Ear. Using photo as a guide, sew two Ears to top of each Lamb Face.

FINISHING

Cut four small circles of green felt, each slightly larger than one of the black glass eyes. Place two green felt circles on each Lamb Face for back of eyes. Sew black glass eyes to the Lamb Face, centered

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on green felt circles. With pink yarn, embroider a straight st “Y” nose on each Lamb Face, centered beneath the eyes. Weave a blue ribbon through stitches near lower edge of each cuff and tie into a bow at front of Bootie. Weave in ends. ☀

How to Work the Loop Stitch

1 Insert hook in next stitch, wrapping yarn around index finger and pulling that finger back away from work about 1 1/2 cm.



2 Use hook to catch the end of the yarn wrapped around index finger.



3 Draw loop through stitch.



4 Yarn over and draw through both loops on hook. Remove finger from loop.





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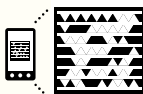
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