



with (or without) non-slip soles, two colour and black trimmed versions

**Measurements:** sole: 11.5cm long x 5.5cm wide, height: 6cm to 6.5cm

**Materials:**

For the sake of stashbusting, I have unravelled one shoe to measure my approx. yarn use.

white worsted weight yarn (48m)

bright colour sport weight yarn (40m)

fray stop glue (eg. Aleene's Stop Fraying)

4.0mm, 3.0mm, 1.4mm crochet hooks,

or as required for tension/purpose

yarn needle for weaving ends/embroidery

optional:

black yarn either worsted or sport (8m) (if you do the black trim version, uses 8m less of colour sport weight)

non-slip fabric (eg. Unique Safe Tread)

**Tension:** (more or less)

single crochet through both front & back loops

4.0mm hook, worsted weight yarn

17 sts x 17 rows = 4" (ish)

3.0mm hook, sport weight yarn

19 sts x 20 rows = 4" (ish)

**Warning:**

I have never written a pattern before, so I don't guarantee anything. I started making these by trial and error after I saw a picture of something similar done in knitting several years ago. Some of it had been scribbled down here and there, but lots was still just in my head. Someone has asked for an account of what I have done, so here goes... (sorry, I think this may turn out to be too much information, but I'm afraid to leave something out.)

Also, please excuse that I switch between imperial and metric measurements seemingly at random. I do live in Canada, after all.

At the very end of all of this, I have drawn some charts. Though I don't usually work off charts/don't know much about them, when I make this pattern, that page is all I really use. I hope they make some sense to you. Also, I truly hope I am using all abbreviations properly.

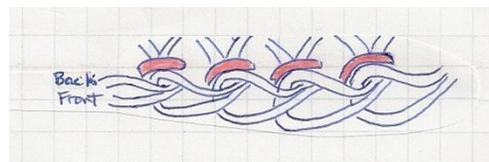
**Pattern Notes:**

Work tightly to make stiffer fabric. Almost all of this pattern is worked through both the front and back loops together.

Exceptions are noted for where **back loops only** are worked to create a horizontal line on the right side of the sole sides for the colour line:



and for where direction changes from the sole bottom to sole sides, and from sole sides to toe/upper, where hook loops **through the loop behind the back loop**:



Soles can be made either with or without the non-slip sole. If I'm making these in newborn size, I usually omit the extra work; however, if you make sizes for cruisers/toddlers and have hardwood/vinyl floors like we do, you might want to make non-slip somehow. I've never been good at the glue on stuff to make dots on finished soles. I use thin cardboard templates to trace/cut out my non-slip fabric and then crochet a sole to match, but you can crochet the sole first and then cut the fabric one row larger than the unfinished sole, about ¼". The final row of the sole is crocheted with the yarn sole and non-slip fabric sole held wrong sides together. Alternately, you can try premade soles like leather or something and I imagine the steps would be more or less the same from a row of single crochet around the edge and moving up the sole sides.

I do make these in many sizes, shorter/longer, thinner/fatter, smaller/taller, but after a week of trying just to explain one pair, I no longer have the brain power to explain the other sizes. Hopefully, after you've made one you'll understand the process.

I have included a variation to do the black trimmed version, more like an actual shoe. Personally, I prefer the two colour version, but as I said before, didn't want to leave anything out. And since I didn't have a black trim one around to photograph, it became the model for most of this.

The shoe laces are attached to the shoe at the bottom so that little ones can't pull them free. Likewise, make sure the star appliqué is well secured.

**Sole:**

4.0mm hook, white worsted yarn, approx. 18 m for 1 sole with sides (36m for both)

Make an unclosed slip knot and chain 12, turn.

R1. sk 1 lp, sl st next 6 sts, sc next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st (which is the unclosed slip knot), pivot 180 degrees, sc next 5 sts over the knot tail, sl st next 6 sts, join rd with sl st. (26 sts) (pull the tail snug if it has loosened up)

Work hook through both front and back loops of previous row until further notice.

R2. ch 2, sc in joining st, 2 sc in next st, sc next 10 sts, 2 sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, join rd. (32 sts)

R3. ch 2, sc next st, 2sc in each next 2 sts, sc next 8 sts, hdc next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each next 2 sts, hdc next 2 sts, sc next 8 sts, 2sc in each next 2 sts, join rd. (40 sts)



Slip knot

chain

R1.

R2.

R3.

without non-slip fabric:



R4. ch 2, sc next st, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 12 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 2 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 12 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, join rd. (52 sts) Don't break yarn.

Skip ahead to Sole Sides.

with non-slip fabric:

trace sole at this point on wrong side of non-slip fabric by drawing a line outside the sole by 1 sc row (approx. ¼")

cut out the fabric

hold the yarn sole and the fabric sole wrong sides together with the fabric facing you (might help to pin a couple spots)

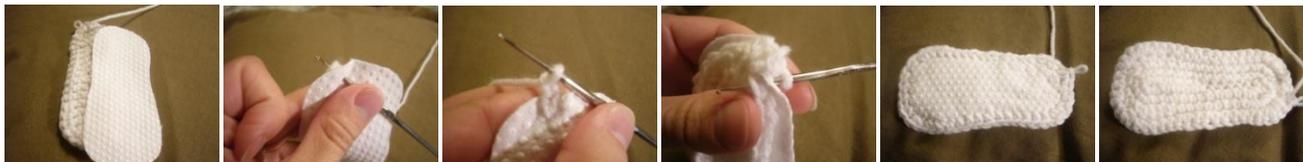
using 1.4mm hook (or other very small, sharp hook) poke through the fabric and pull through yarn loop

now, very loosely with the tiny hook to simulate the 4.0mm hook, since it's a pain to switch back and forth,

and **working in the opposite direction to the previous 3 rounds:**

R4. ch 2, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 12 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 2 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next 12 sts, 2sc in each next 3 sts, sc next st, join rd. (52 sts) Don't break yarn.

Continue with Sole Sides.



**Sole Sides:**



Switch to 3.0mm hook. Continue working same white yarn, but pick up the sts 90 degrees to the last row by looping *through the loop behind the back loop*

R5. ch2, sc all sts around *through the loop behind the back loop*, join, (52 sts)

R6. ch 2, sc all sts around through both front & back sts as normal, join (52 sts)

R7. ch 2, sc all sts around through the **back loops only** (creates horizontal line on right side), join (52sts)

Break yarn and weave in ends.



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Black Trim Version: replace the above R7 line with:

Ch 2, sc 15 sts through back loops only, sc 19 sts through both front & back loops, sc remaining 17 sts back loops only.

Now I don't do this version of the shoe very much. This should work out so that the horizontal bar starts on the 10<sup>th</sup> stitch back on either side of the centre front stitch.

If it's not centered properly, I'm really sorry and you should try to fix it now before you go any further.



Colour stripe:

3.0mm hook, colour sport weight yarn, approx. 2m for one side shoe (4m for both)



Starting at centre back, insert hook from right side to wrong side in space between sts just above the horizontal line and pull yarn through, insert hook in next space to left and pull yarn through loop on hook (a slip stitch) Continue sl st around the sole side to centre back. Cut a tail that you can pull to the wrong side and weave in both tails.



Some might want to do this working from the wrong side so that you get little dashed line instead of chain stitch. But if you feel the chain stitch is too bulky inside, which I do, try a sewn backstitch instead.

Black Trim Version:

Needle, black yarn, approx. 1.5m for one side shoe (3m for both)



Thread approx. 1.5m of black yarn on needle. Work single stranded. Starting on one side just in from the toe, above the little horizontal line, backstitch a line around the back to the other side, stopping when the horizontal bar stops. (The second black line will be sewn in after the uppers are done.)

**Toe:**

3.0mm hook, white worsted yarn, approx. 2m for 1 toe (4m for both)

Holding the sole with the toe pointing at you, locate the centre front st and place pin. Count back along both sides 7 sts and place pins. Hold small hook across from side to side to make sure the toe looks right/centered. If it doesn't, adjust the pins keeping 13 sts between them.

If you're doing the Black Trim Version, check that the toe start/end are equidistant from the end of the black stitching. There should be 2 sts btwn the last black st and the 1<sup>st</sup> toe st, but honestly, if it's not, then I guess I was wrong about the alternate version of R7 for the sole side. So please don't hate me if you have to go back and re-calculate that row to make the horizontal bar line up right. Like I said, I don't do this version very much.



R1. Toe pointing to you, along right side at pin stitch, insert hook *through the loop behind the back loop*. Pull through yarn. Ch 2, dc next st *through the loop behind the back loop*. Keep working *through the loop behind the back loop*. (dc2tog)twice, dc3tog, (dc2tog)3 times, chain 2 turn.

R2. dc6tog, cut yarn leaving a good size tail (20cm?) Pull yarn through last loop and tighten. Thread tail onto yarn needle and sew through the last set of gathered loops just made. Pull tight again, weave in ends.

#### Tongue:

1.4mm and 3.0mm hooks, colour sport weight yarn, approx. 5m for 1 tongue (10m for both)

When counting sts, the turning ch counts, too. And at the end of each row, the last st goes in previous row's turning st.

R1. (RS) Holding sole toe pointing toward you, use the 1.4mm hook to loosely pick up and sc 9 sts evenly across the top edge of the toe from right to left, ch 1, turn (9 sts)



Change to 3.0mm hook

R2. (WS) sc in turning ch, sc next 8, ch1, turn (10 sts)

R3. (RS) sc in turning ch, sc next 9, ch1, turn (11 sts)

R4. (WS) sc next 10, ch1, turn (11 sts)

R5. (RS) sc next 10, ch1, turn (11 sts)

R6. (WS) sc in turning ch, sc next 10, ch1, turn (12 sts)

R7. (RS) sc in turning ch, sc next 11, ch1, turn (13 sts)

R8. (WS) sc next 12, turn (13 sts)

R9. (RS) sk 1 st, sc next 2, hdc next 2, dc next 3, hdc next 2, sc next 2, sl last st(13 sts)

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

**Upper:**

3.0mm hook, colour sport weight yarn, approx. 12m for 1 shoe (24m for both)

R1. (RS) With sole facing down and toe pointing at you, along the left side of the toe, locate the last 2 sts where the toe was picked up from the sole. Insert hook through the 1<sup>st</sup> one closest to toe and yarn over towards the toe (above the white toe). Pull through a loop. Chain 2. Now with 2<sup>nd</sup> st (working toward heel) also yo toward toe and sc the st.

Continue picking up and single crocheting *through the loop behind the back loop* around the back to the other side of the toe. When you sc the other side's 2 toe sts, yo toward the heel (in front of the white toe). (41 sts)

Chain 1. Turn. (See pics below)



*YO above toe sts, toward the front*

*YO above toe sts, toward the back*

When counting sts, the turning ch counts, too. At end of each row, the sc2tog includes the previous row's turning st.

The next 3 rows decrease 1 st at each end AND 1 st at centre back.

R2. (WS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to ctr back, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (38 sts)

R3. (RS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to ctr back, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (35 sts)

R4. (WS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to ctr back, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (32 sts)

The remaining rows decrease 1 st at each end (none at ctr back)

R5. (RS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (30 sts)

R6. (WS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (28 sts)

R7. (RS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (26 sts)

R8. (WS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (24 sts)

R9. (RS) sk turning st, sc2tog, sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog, chain 1, turn (22 sts)

Cut yarn. Weave in ends.

*Completed upper, pin heads mark spaces for lacing and to sew on star circle.*



**Black Trim Version:**

Needle, black yarn, approx. 1.5m for one shoe (3m for both)



Thread needle with black yarn. Sew backstitch, single stranded, in the ditch (the same *through the loop behind the back loop* thingy) between sole and upper/toe from centre back around to back again. (Sorry, this picture is so lame.)

**Laces:**

3.0mm hook, white worsted yarn, approx. 3m for 1 shoe (6m for both)

Make a tight slip knot with a 2" tail. Very tightly chain 70 sts. Remove from hook. Insert hook from outside to inside of upper at lowest lacing hole/space. Put loop back on hook and pull through to top of shoe. Sl st closed. Ch 7. Remove from hook. Insert hook from inside to outside of other side lacing space. Pull yarn through again and slip closed. Ch 70 sts. Cut yarn with 2" tail. Pull through and tighten.



Lace up the shoe, but before you lace the final spaces, as you cross the 2 laces over the tongue, pull the laces through the center 2 sts of the second last row of the tongue, then lace the final spaces. This holds the tongue in place.

(After you have sewn on the star you will glue the lace ends/let dry)

**Star Circle:**

3.0mm hook, white worsted, approx. 1m for 1 star (2m for both)

Either colour sport yarn or black yarn, approx. 1m for 1 star (2m for both)



With white, make an unclosed slip knot. (I think this is known as a magic loop???) Chain 1 in centre hole. Make 9 hdc in centre hole. Pull tail to close slip knot. Join rd with a sl st. Cut yarn and weave in ends. Makes 10 chains around the outside.

(Careful: I almost always sl st to the wrong one and end up with 11 chains, instead of 10 which makes a lopsided star.)

Thread a needle to the middle of 1m of colour/black yarn, doubled, so now about 50 cm long. Embroider the star coming from the back, through the centre of the circle, then return under 1 outside chain. Repeat 4 more times on every other outside chain for a 5 point star. Tie the beginning tail to the needle yarn and trim the tail only. Use the needle yarn to sew the star/circle to the outer side of the shoe upper. (When you do the 2<sup>nd</sup> shoe, sew star on opposite side)



You could also just use the embroidery process to sew the circle onto the shoe, but this never works out smoothly for me on the inside.



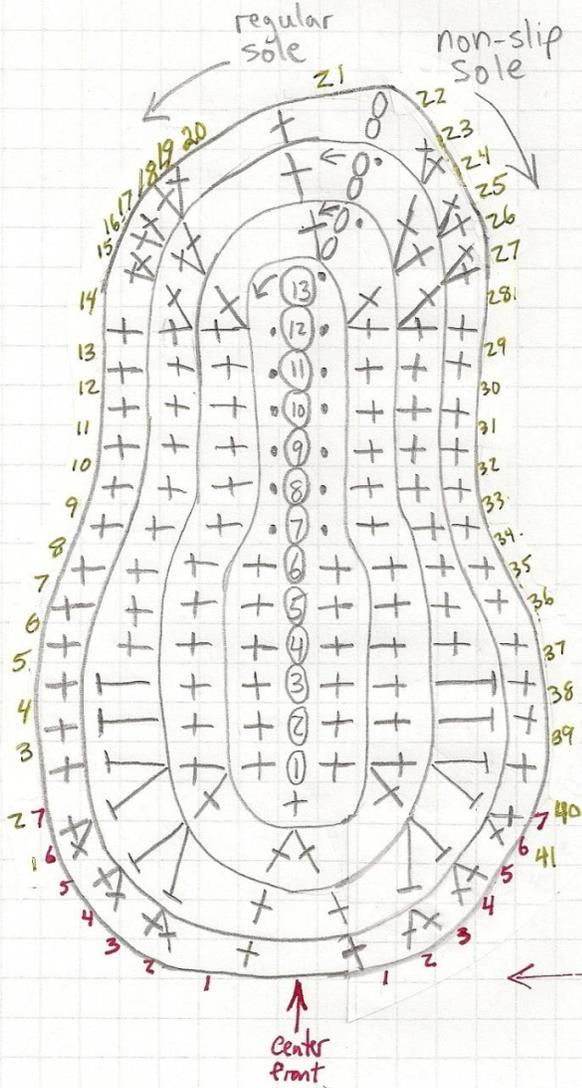
#### Finishing:

Apply Fray Stop glue to the ends of laces twisting the yarn smooth/tight. Let dry 24 hrs. Trim to ½".

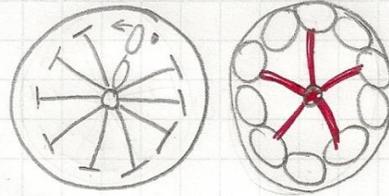


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Sole 2 last row directions



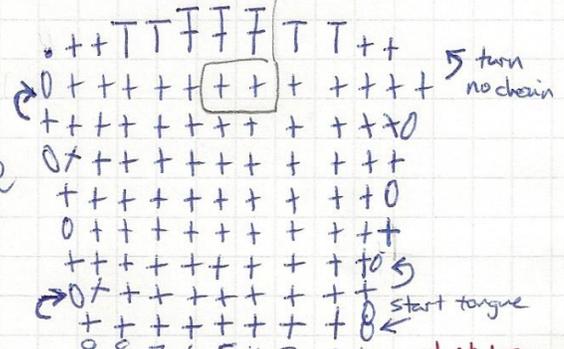
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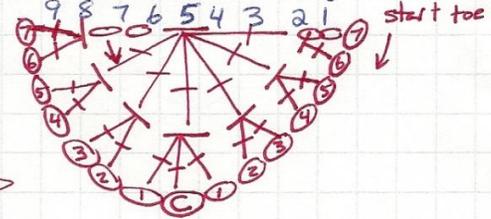
9 hdc in loop  
sl st join creates the 10<sup>th</sup> loop

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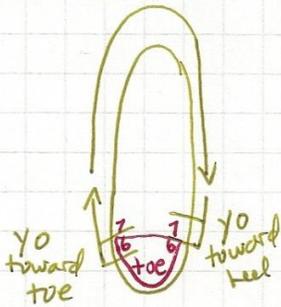
tongue



Toe



Sides



Row	beg.	-1 beg.	-1 ctr.	-1 end	End.
1	41	∅	∅	∅	41
2	41	-1	-1	-1	38
3	38	-1	-1	-1	35
4	35	-1	-1	-1	32
5	32	-1	∅	-1	30
6	30	-1	∅	-1	28
7	28	-1	∅	-1	26
8	26	-1	∅	-1	24
9	24	-1	∅	-1	22

- sides are done in sc
- decreases are sc2tog
- at end of row, only chain 1, then turn