Crochet Christmas Baby Booties With a Bow: Free Pattern in Red and Cream

Crochet an oval cream sole, turn the sides up with a back-loop round that leaves a cream rim, work the foot in red, then sew on a tall cream cuff of upright ribs and a green bow. The ribbed cuff hugs the ankle, which keeps the bootie on. In DK yarn on a 3.5 mm hook the 0–3 month sole comes out about 9 cm long.

This is our own design. A script checks every round and row, and the sizes are worked out from a gauge. The foot is worked like our ribbed baby booties (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-ribbed-baby-booties/); the cuff and the bow are new.

The bow is a small part if it ever comes off. Step 5 ties it through the cuff rather than sewing it to the surface. Pull it hard before every wear, and leave it off for a baby who chews their feet. The handmade baby gift safety checklist (https://crochetbabygifts.com/handmade-baby-gift-safety-checklist/) explains the small parts rule.

Sizes

Size	Sole length	Foundation chain	Ankle round	Cuff	Yarn for the pair
0–3 months	about 9 cm (3.5 in)	12 ch	26 sts, about 13 cm round	7 sts × 28 rows, about 3.5 cm tall	about 35 m cream, 20 m red
3–6 months	about 10 cm (4 in)	14 ch	28 sts, about 14 cm round	8 sts × 32 rows, about 4 cm tall	about 45 m cream, 20 m red
6–12 months	about 11.5 cm (4.5 in)	17 ch	30 sts, about 15 cm round	9 sts × 34 rows, about 4.5 cm tall	about 50 m cream, 25 m red

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The sole lengths are the ones in our baby bootie size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/baby-bootie-size-chart/). Measure the baby's foot if you can and pick the size whose sole is about 1 cm longer.

What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

- DK (#3) yarn in cream, red and green, a soft cotton or cotton blend that washes well, about the amounts in the table and in the yarn section.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- A tapestry needle, scissors and a stitch marker for the start of each round.

Abbreviations

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

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- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). inc: 2 sc in the same stitch. dec: sc 2 together.
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet).
- Back loops only: put the hook under the back loop of the stitch only. On a round it leaves a ridge; on rows it makes upright ribs.

The video

ICHRAQCREA's Short shows booties like these finished, in the same red, cream and green, in about 10 seconds. It does not show the steps, so follow the rounds on this page.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isEhbPYfS90

Video: ICHRAQCREA, "Cutest Crochet Baby Booties For Christmas Red & Cream With Bow" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isEhbPYfS90), 2026, a 10-second Short. The pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

Corrected 23 November 2026: the toe decreases in rounds 8 to 10 now sit on the centre of the toe. If you started before this date, see the rounds below.

Sizes are written 0–3 months first, then 3–6 and 6–12 months in brackets. Work in continuous rounds; move the marker up each round.

1. Sole

In cream.

- Foundation: ch 12 (14, 17).
- Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 9 (11, 14), 3 sc in last ch; working along the other side of the chain, sc 9 (11, 14), 2 sc in last ch. [24 (28, 34) sts]
- Rnd 2: inc, sc 9 (11, 14), [inc] 3 times, sc 9 (11, 14), [inc] 2 times. [30 (34, 40) sts]
- Rnd 3: sc 1, inc, sc 9 (11, 14), [sc 1, inc] 3 times, sc 9 (11, 14), [sc 1, inc] 2 times. [36 (40, 46) sts]
- Rnd 4: sc 2, inc, sc 9 (11, 14), [sc 2, inc] 3 times, sc 9 (11, 14), [sc 2, inc] 2 times. [42 (46, 52) sts]

The round starts at the heel end of the oval, so the toe is the far end, where the 3 sc went into the last chain.

2. Sides and toe

- Rnd 5: in back loops only, sc in each st. [42 (46, 52) sts]

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Round 5 is the last cream round: its free front loops make the cream rim round the sole. Fasten off cream and join red in the next stitch.

- Rnds 6–7: sc in each st. [42 (46, 52) sts]
- Rnd 8: sc 11 (13, 14), [dec] 8 (8, 10) times, sc 15 (17, 18). [34 (38, 42) sts]
- Rnd 9: sc 11 (11, 11), [dec] 4 (6, 8) times, sc 15 (15, 15). [30 (32, 34) sts]
- Rnd 10: sc 9 (10, 11), [dec] 4 (4, 4) times, sc 13 (14, 15). [26 (28, 30) sts]
- Rnd 11: sc in each st. [26 (28, 30) sts]

The decreases all sit over the toe, so the heel stays round. Sl st in the next stitch and fasten off red.

3. Cuff

In cream, worked sideways in rows, then joined into a ring.

- Foundation: ch 8 (9, 10).
- Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [7 (8, 9) sts]
- Rows 2–28 (2–32, 2–34): ch 1, turn, in back loops only, sc in each st. [7 (8, 9) sts]

Each pair of rows makes one upright rib. Fold the strip so the last row meets the foundation chain and sl st through both together all along to join it into a ring. Fasten off with a 40 cm (16 in) tail.

Turn the ring so the seam is at the back of the ankle. With the tail, sew one edge of the ring to the top of round 11, one row end into each stitch, easing the few extra row ends in evenly round.

4. Bow

Make 2, one for each bootie.

- Foundation: in green, ch 9.
- Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [8 sts]
- Rows 2–4: ch 1, turn, sc in each st. [8 sts]

Fasten off and leave a 60 cm (24 in) tail. Wrap the tail tightly round the middle of the rectangle 6 times to pinch it into a bow. Each bow comes out about 4 cm wide.

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5. Tie the bow through the cuff

Place the bow on the outer side of the cuff, halfway up, on the left side of one bootie and the right side of the other so the pair mirrors. Thread the bow's tail on the needle and push it through the cuff behind the bow's middle, then bring it back out and over the middle again. Do this 6 times, so every wrap round the bow's middle also goes through the cuff. Tie the end off inside the cuff and weave it in for at least 5 cm (2 in).

Pull the bow hard. If it moves at all, take it off and tie it on again. A bow held only by a few stitches at its edges can be pulled off by a baby.

Yarn and time

A 0–3 month pair takes about 35 m of cream, 20 m of red and 5 m of green. The amounts come from counting every stitch and allowing a published length of yarn per stitch for DK, so they are upper estimates.

It is about 570 stitches a bootie, most of them single crochet.

Frequently asked questions

Can I fold the cuff down? Yes. Sew the cuff on as in step 3, then fold its top half down over the bottom half, and tie the bow through both layers.

Can I make them without the bow? Yes, and that is the safer choice for a baby who chews their feet. The bootie is complete without it.

Which yarn is best? A soft DK cotton or cotton blend that can be washed. Cream shows marks, so pick one that goes in the machine.

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