Ribbed Crochet Baby Booties With a Fold-Over Cuff: Free Pattern, 0 to 12 Months

Crochet an oval sole, turn the sides up with one back-loop round, shape the toe over three rounds, then work a tall cuff of post stitch ribbing and fold its top half down. The ribbed cuff hugs the ankle, which is what keeps a bootie on. In DK yarn on a 3.5 mm hook the 0–3 month sole comes out about 9 cm long.

The booties in the picture have ribbing on the foot as well. In this pattern the foot is single crochet, which keeps the toe shaping simple, and the ribbing is on the cuff.

This is our own design. A script checks every round against the one before it and the sole lengths against our baby bootie size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/baby-bootie-size-chart/), and the sizes are estimates worked out from a gauge, so the first thing to check is your own sole against the size table.

Pick your size

Size	Sole length	Foundation chain	Ankle round	Cuff, folded	Yarn for the pair
0–3 months	about 9 cm (3.5 in)	12 ch	26 sts, about 13 cm round	about 3.5 cm deep	about 75 m
3–6 months	about 10 cm (4 in)	14 ch	28 sts, about 14 cm round	about 3.5 cm deep	about 80 m
6–12 months	about 11.5 cm (4.5 in)	17 ch	30 sts, about 15 cm round	about 3.5 cm deep	about 85 m

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The sole lengths come from our bootie size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/baby-bootie-size-chart/). If you can measure the baby's foot, choose the size whose sole is about 1 cm longer than the foot.

What you need

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

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- DK (#3) baby yarn, the amount in the size table, in one colour. A soft cotton or a washable baby acrylic both work. Most DK yarns have 125 m or more in a 50 g ball, enough for one pair of any size here.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- One stitch marker, a blunt tapestry needle and scissors.

Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: about 20 single crochet and 22 rounds to 10 cm (4 in) on a 3.5 mm hook, and each round of post stitch ribbing about 0.6 cm tall. We have not measured this on the booties yet. It is a planning figure from published DK gauges, and every size on this page is worked out from it.

The quick check is the sole: after round 4 it should be the length in the size table. If it is more than 0.5 cm off, change your hook by half a size and start again.

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

- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). hdc: half double crochet (UK: half treble).
- inc: increase, 2 sc in the same stitch. dec: decrease, sc 2 stitches together.
- fphdc: front post half double crochet. Yarn over, push the hook in from the front, round the back of the next stitch's post and out to the front, and finish the hdc. The stitch sits forward.
- bphdc: back post half double crochet. The same, with the hook going round the post from the back. The stitch sits back.
- Back loops only: work into just the loop of each stitch that is furthest from you.
- 12 (14, 17): the first number is for 0–3 months, the ones in brackets for 3–6 and 6–12 months.

The video

The cuff is post stitch ribbing. CreatiKnit's short video shows both stitches close up.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5573ZdIx6U

- Front post half double crochet from 0:42.
- Back post half double crochet from 3:11.

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Video: CreatiKnit, "How to Front Post half double crochet and Back Post half double crochet! (FPHDC) (BPHDC)" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5573ZdIx6U), 2020, 6 minutes. It teaches the stitches, not these booties; the counts on this page are 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.

Make two. Every round is joined with a sl st in the first stitch and starts with ch 1 (ch 2 before a ribbing round), which does not count as a stitch. Do not turn.

1. Sole

- 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]
- 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]

Round 5's free front loops make a ridge round the sole, which is what turns the flat oval into a bootie. The decreases all sit over the toe, so the heel stays round and the top of the foot draws in towards the ankle.

3. Cuff

- Rnds 11–22: [fphdc around next st, bphdc around next st] around. [26 (28, 30) sts]

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From round 12 on, the fphdc goes round each stitch that sits forward and the bphdc round each stitch that sits back, so the ribs stack up in straight columns. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

4. Fold the cuff

Fold the top 6 rounds of the cuff down over the bottom 6, on the outside. The double layer of ribbing is what holds the bootie at the ankle.

Yarn and time

A 0–3 month pair takes about 75 m. 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 660 stitches a bootie.

Made for a baby

Booties have no small parts here: no buttons, no ties and nothing glued on. Weave every end in well, back and forth through several stitches, so nothing can work loose. The handmade baby gift safety checklist (https://crochetbabygifts.com/handmade-baby-gift-safety-checklist/) has the rest.

If something goes wrong

The bootie is too long. Check the sole after round 4 before you go on. A sole that is too long now will be too long finished.

The cuff will not stay folded. Work the ribbing a little tighter, or go down half a hook size for the cuff only.

The ribs lean instead of stacking. Check that you are going round the post of the stitch below, not into its top, and that each fphdc sits on a stitch that came forward.

Frequently asked questions

Why a ribbed cuff? Because it is the one feature that reliably keeps a bootie on, with nothing to tie or come loose. Our bootie size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/baby-bootie-size-chart/) explains why.

Can I make the cuff longer? Yes. Add rounds of ribbing in pairs, so you can still fold the top half down.

Is this a good first project? It suits a confident beginner. The sole and toe are single crochet; the cuff introduces post stitches, and the video above shows them.

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