

# Little Squares Booties

for preemies and newborns

## needed:

*sm preemie* (2 1/2"): size US E crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce sports weight/baby yarn in main color (MC)

*med preemie* (3"): size US F crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce DK yarn

*newborn* (3 1/2"): size US G crochet hook, approx 1/2 ounce DK yarn

*all sizes*: a small amount of coordinating color for trim (CC)

**all yarn requirements are approximate**

## abbreviations

### & techniques:

**beg**: beginning

**CC**: contrasting colour

**ch**: chain stitch

**ch-X**: refers to a chain or space previously made, e.g., ch-1 space

**dc**: double crochet

**incr**: work 2 st in next st

**MC**: main colour

**prev**: previous

**sc**: single crochet

**sk**: skip

**sl st**: slip stitch

**sp**: space

**st(s)**: stitch(es)

**ext sc**: Insert hook in designated st or row, pull up 1 lp, yo, pull through 1 lp on hook, yo, pull through 3 lps on hook.

## instructions:

ch 15

1: (side 1) dc in 4th chain from hook, dc in next 11 ch, 6 dc in last chain

(side 2) 12 dc in back side of chain (last stitch will be in bottom of ch-3). do not join or turn. (30 stitches)

2: ch 1, 1 sc in dc post (side of stitch), 1 sc between rows, 1 sc in ch-3. working in back loops of prev row, sc in next 14 st, inc 1 in next stitch, sc in next stitch, inc 1 in next stitch, sc in last 13 st. sl st in ch-1 to join (36 stitches)

3: ch 3, dc in each stitch around, join (36 stitches)

4: with CC, sl st into the space between the ch-3 in prev row and the **last** dc of

the round. sc in same space. (ch 4, sk 3 dc, sc in space between the next 2 dcs of the previous row) 11 times. sl st to sc. break yarn. (12 loops)

5: with MC, sl st in first ch-3 sp. ch 3. 2 dc in same sp. (3 dc in next ch-3 sp) 3 times. 3 ext sc in next loop. 3 hdc in next sp. 2 sc in each of next 2 sp. 3 hdc in next loop. 3 ext sc in next loop. 3 dc in each of next 2 loops. sl st in top of ch-3. break yarn.

### cuff - open version:

6: beginning at first dc group on one side of bootie, join CC into the space between **first** dc of the group and the ext sc. sc in same space. (ch 3, sk 3 dc, sc in space between the next 2 dcs of the prev row) 6 times.

do not work remaining stitches, they will be closed at the end. (6 loops)

7: beginning again at same point, join MC in first ch-3 loop. ch 3. 2 dc in same loop. (3 dc in next ch-3 loop) 5 times. (18 st)

8: join CC. sl st into the top of the dc at beg of prev row. sc in same space. (ch 3, sk 3 dc, sc in space between the next 2 dcs of the previous row) 6 times -- last sc is in top of last dc in prev row.

work 2 sc in side of dc in prev row. 1 sc in sc of ch loop. 1 sc in each stitch around instep. 1 sc in sc of ch loop. 2 dc in side of dc in prev row. join in top of dc and break off/weave end.

### cuff - shell version:

6: with CC, sc the space between the ch-3 in prev row and the **last** dc of the round. sc in same space. (ch 4, sk 3 dc, sc in

space between the next 2 dcs of the previous row) 3 times. sk across to the first dc on the opposite side of the bootie and sc in space btwn dc and ext sc of prev round. make 2 ch 3 loops, as before, and sl st to top of first sc.

7: with MC, sl st in first ch-3 loop. ch 3. 2 dc in same loop. (3 dc in next ch-3 loop) 6 times. sl st to top of ch-3.

8: with CC, sc the space between the ch-3 in prev row and the **last** dc of the round. sc in same space. (ch 3, sk 3 dc, sc in space between the next 2 dcs of the previous row) 6 times.

9: sl st into first loop, sc. In each of the next loops, work 1 sc, 3 dc, 1 sc. sl st to top of sc. break off/weave end.

### finishing:

turn bootie inside out. thread tapestry needle with main color and weave top of foot closed through the back loops of the sc. stop at beginning of cuff for open version. tie off and weave end.

thread crocheted chain or satin ribbon (approx 12") through dc row on cuff and tie in a bow in front.



yarn used in picture: Bernat Baby Soft, Patons Astra DK

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