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SLIPPER BOOTS AND MARY JANES



Using the provided size chart, these sweet little slipper boots or Mary Janes can be made small enough for a baby doll at 7cm (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "") long or large enough for a toddler at 15cm (6") long. Instructions are provided for 5cm (2") and 6cm (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") width fittings.

The upper is gently shaped with a raised line and 'accidental' eyelets for decorative effect.

The sole features a circular ball which can be worked in a contrasting colour if you want to add a little variety to the boot.

Materials: 50m (55yd) - 200m (219yd) of double knitting (8-ply) yarn - colour changes are optional and amount is very much dependant on size.

You will also need: a needle to neaten ends, one stitch marker, a tape measure and two buttons, approximately 17mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ "") diameter for the Mary Jane option.

Embellishments are optional.

Hook: 3.50mm

The pattern is written using UK abbreviations. The table below lists those used and their US equivalent where applicable:

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
fptr	front post treble	fpdc	front post double crochet
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
miss	miss	skip	skip
rep	repeat		
RS	right side		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitches		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet
tr3tog	treble 3 together	dc3tog	double crochet 3 together
yrh	yarn round hook	yo	yarn over

Special Stitches/Methods:



Front post stitches: work the treble (US double crochet) as usual but insert the hook from front to back **around the stem** of the stitch (right to left) instead of into the top of the stitch.

Work in lower back loops only: Work stitch normally but insert the hook into the lower, back loop of the stitch not the top. The image shows the hook inserted ready to make a dc (US sc) - work is turned over to give a clearer view. The next lower, back loop is circled to show what the stitch looks like before work begins.

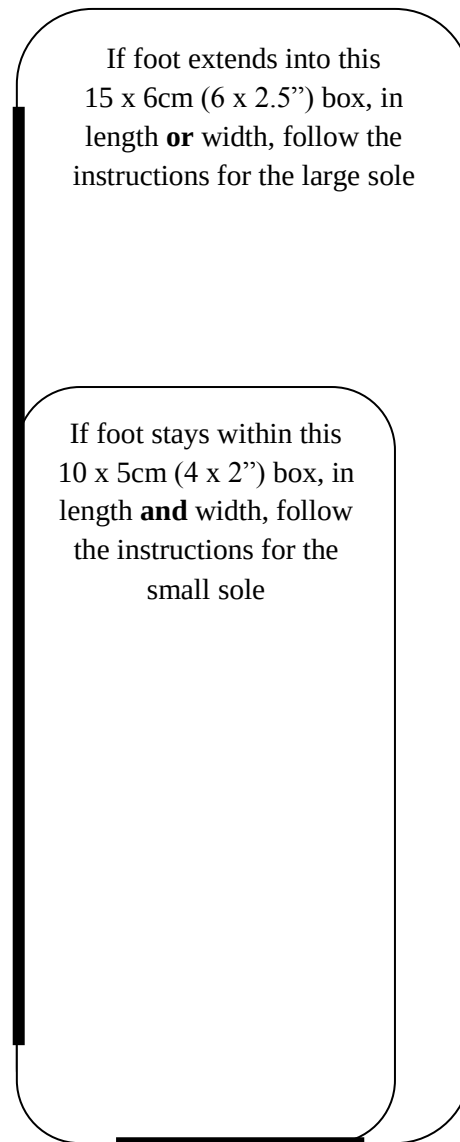
Hint: If you find the lower back loop particularly difficult to work into, switch to a smaller hook size but don't forget to switch back as soon as you start to work stitches normally!



tr3tog (US dc3tog): (yrh, insert hook into next stitch and pull yarn through, yrh and pull through 2 loops on hook) 3 times, yrh and pull through the 4 loops that are now on the hook.

Size Chart:

Print page on A4 paper and check the boxes are sized correctly. Place foot flat onto the chart, lining up the heel, and the side of foot, with the bold lines. Should you prefer not to print, please use the measurements given to determine which instructions to follow.



Age	Approximate length (cm)	Approximate length (inches)
Small newborn	7 - 9	2¾ - 3½ "
Newborn	9 - 10	3½ - 4 "
3-6 months	10 - 12	4 - 4¾ "
6-12 months	12 - 13	4¾ - 5 "
18-24 months	13 - 14	5 - 5½ "
2 - 4 years	14 - 15	5½ - 6 "

Note: Information and conversions are approximate and should only be used, as a guide, when measuring is not possible.

Small Sole (make 2)

Commence with 4ch, ss to form a ring. **Note:** The 1ch is at start of each round/row is not counted in the stitch count unless otherwise stated. You may, if you prefer, omit this chain and use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round if this is your usual technique when working dc in rounds.

- Rnd 1: 1ch, 9dc into ring, ss to first dc to join (9sts).
Rnd 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into next st) 4 times, ss to first dc to join (13sts).
Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into next st) 6 times, ss to first dc to join (19sts).
Rnd 4: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next 2sts) 6 times (25sts) – approximately 4.5cm (1¾”) diameter.

Row 1: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1dc into each of next 4sts, 1htr into next st, turn (6sts).

Row 2: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc into each st to end, turn (6sts).

Repeat row 2 until sole measures 1cm (½”) less than the desired foot length. **Note:** If you are unable to make length exactly, stop one row before, rather than after. Keep a note of how many rows for second boot.

Shape heel: 1ch (counts as 1 st), miss 1 st, 1dc into each of next 2sts, miss 1 st, ss into last st (4sts).

With RS facing towards you, working in rounds again, 1ch, 1dc into each st/row edge around sole (work loosely to avoid curling edges - corners will have 2sts in them), ss to join.

Proceed to upper.

Large Sole (make 2)

Commence with 4ch, ss to form a ring. **Note:** The 1ch is at start of each row is not counted in the stitch count unless otherwise stated. You may, if you prefer, omit this chain and use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round if this is your usual technique when working dc in rounds.

- Rnd 1: 1ch, 9dc into ring, ss to first dc to join (9sts).
Rnd 2: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into next st) 4 times, ss to first dc join (13sts).
Rnd 3: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into next st) 6 times, ss to first dc to join (19sts).
Rnd 4: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into next st) 9 times, ss to first dc to join (28sts).
Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc into same st, (2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next 2sts) 9 times (37sts) - approximately 5.5cm (2¼”) diameter.

Row 1: 2ch (counts as 1htr), 1dc into each of next 6sts, 1htr into next st, turn (8sts).

Row 2: 1ch (counts as 1dc), 1dc into each st to end, turn (8sts).

Repeat row 2 until sole measures 1cm (½”) less than the desired foot length. **Note:** If you are unable to make length exactly, stop one row before, rather than after. Keep a note of how many rows for second boot.

Shape heel: 1ch (counts as 1 st), miss 1 st, 1dc into each of next 4sts, miss 1 st, ss into last st (6sts).

With RS facing towards you, working in rounds again, 1ch, 1dc into each st/row edge around sole (work loosely to avoid curling edges - corners will have 2sts in them), ss to **lower back loop** to join.



Proceed to upper.

Slipper Boot Upper (all sizes)

Hint: weave in any threads from start or colour changes now. It will be easier than trying to work inside the boot later! If you are working the upper in a contrasting colour, join new colour now.

Rnd 1: Working in **lower back loop only**, 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st around sole, ss to first dc to join. **Note:** the right side of the sole will be facing outwards.

Rnd 2: Working each dc normally, 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st, ss to first dc to join.

Note: For chubby feet, you may like to work round 2 once more before continuing.

Place a stitch marker in the centre front of the boot. In the rounds that follow, the number of stitches is decreased either side of the marker.

Rnd 3: 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st until 4sts before marker, 1htr into next st, tr3tog, 1tr into marked st - replace marker, tr3tog, 1htr into next st, 1dc into each st to end, ss to first dc to join.

Rnd 4: 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st until 4sts before centre front post, 1htr into next st, tr3tog, 1fptr around stem of marked st – this stitch marks centre front from this point forward, tr3tog, 1htr into next st, 1dc into each st to end, ss to first dc to join.

Repeat round 4 until the ridge of front post trebles measures approximately half the length of the foot. Work 1 further round. Keep a note of how many rows for second boot.

Note: If baby has particularly chubby, or slim, ankles you may adjust the number of round 4 repeats to make the ankle cuff the appropriate size.

Next round: 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st to end working 1fptr around centre front post instead of 1dc, ss to first dc to join.

Repeat previous round until cuff is desired height (3 rounds is average), fasten off and neaten ends.

Repeat instructions for second upper.

Add embellishments if desired.

Mary Jane Upper (all sizes)

Begin with rounds 1-3 of Slipper Boot Upper

Rnd 4: 1ch, (beginning in same st as ch) 1dc into each st until 4sts before centre front post, 1htr into next st, tr3tog, 1fptr around stem of marked st – this stitch marks centre front from this point forward, tr3tog, 1htr into next st, 1dc into each st to end, ss to first dc to join.

If you worked a 7 - 9cm (2¾ - 3½”) sole, work round 4 once, for 10 - 12cm (4 - 5”) soles, work round 4 twice and for 13 - 15cm (5¼ - 6”) soles, work round 4 three times. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Place a stitch marker, approximately half way between the centre front post and the centre back of the upper, **along the inside edge of the shoe**. With RS of shoe facing towards you, join the yarn into the stitch to the right of the marker and proceed as follows to work a **foundation dc** of given length:

Strap: 1ch, *insert hook into marked stitch, yrh and pull yarn through st, yrh and pull through 1 loop, replace marker in stitch below left loop on hook, yrh and pull through 2 loops, rep from * 6 (8) times for shoes with a small (large) sole, 4ch, 1dc into marked st, (working back along strap) 1dc into each of next 6sts, ss to next st along edge of shoe. Fasten off and neaten ends.

Repeat instructions for second upper making sure to match strap position exactly (on the opposite side to the previous shoe). Securely attach one button to each shoe, fasten with ch-4 loop on strap.