

You need: LGC kit, stitch marker, tapestry needle

Tiny feet will keep nice and snug in

baby booties

This fancy footwear by Lucinda Ganderton is predominantly crocheted in trebles and is worked in the round, meaning the only seam to sew up is the one on the base of the sole. We've included a pretty flower embellishment but this is easy to leave off if preferred.





Meet Our Designer

"This colour scheme would be ideal for a baby boy or girl, but you could easily adapt the pattern to suit your own yarn combination"

Lucinda Ganderton is an experienced craft designer and is the author of several books including *Stitch Dictionary*

Alternative Yarn

Self-stripping yarns take the hassle out of colourwork. We like new King Cole Candy Stripe DK which comes in seven cute shades for tots. £3.69 per 100g (290m) ball, 0845 519 4573, deramores.com



Stitches used:

Chain (ch)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Double crochet (dc)

Treble (tr)

Treble two together (tr2tog)

Size:

Length from toe to heel: approx 12cm

baby booties ankle sock

Note: booties are crocheted top downwards, starting with ankle and ending with sole
Using 3.5mm hook and blue yarn make 30ch, join with a sl st to form a ring, insert st marker to indicate beg of rnd
Rnd 1: 2ch, 1dc in second ch from hook, (1dc in next ch) 29 times, sl st to second ch
Rnd 2: 3ch, 2tr in next dc, (miss two dc, 3tr in next dc) nine times, sl st to third of first 3ch
Fasten off blue yarn, join

green yarn to first tr of prev rnd

Rnd 3: 3ch, 2tr in same sp, (miss two tr, 3tr in next tr) nine times, sl st to third of first 3ch

* Fasten off green yarn, join purple yarn to first tr of prev rnd

Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3 *

Fasten off purple yarn, join blue yarn to first tr of prev rnd

Rnd 5: rep Rnd 3

Fasten off blue yarn, join green yarn to first tr of prev rnd

Rnd 6: rep Rnd 3

Rep from * to * once

instep

Rejoin purple yarn to first tr of fifth tr cluster from st marker
Rows 1-6: 3ch, (1tr in next tr) eight times
Fasten off purple yarn, join blue yarn to back of ankle sock at centre tr of 3tr that lie above st marker

sides & sole

Rnd 1: 3ch, (1tr in next tr) to instep, (2tr over next tr) six times along side of instep, (1tr in next tr) seven times along top

edge, 1tr in third ch, 2tr over 3ch, (2tr over next tr) five times along side of instep, (1tr in next tr) to end, sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten off blue yarn, join green yarn to third ch

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1tr in next tr, tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) 18 times, tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) four times,

tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) 18 times, tr2tog, 1tr in next tr, sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten off green yarn, join purple yarn to third ch

Rnd 3: 3ch, tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) 18 times, tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) twice,

tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) 18 times, tr2tog, sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten off purple yarn, join blue yarn to third ch

Rnd 4: 3ch, tr2tog, (1tr in next tr) 17 times, (tr2tog) twice, (1tr in next tr) 7 times, tr2tog, sl st to third of first 3ch

Fasten off, leaving a 30cm tail

Thread tail through tapestry needle and sew centre sole seam closed

leaf

Using 3.5mm hook and green yarn make 4ch

Row 1: 2tr in first ch

Row 2: 2ch, insert hook into next tr, yoh and pull through loop, insert hook into fourth ch, yoh and pull through loop, yoh and draw through all loops on hook
Fasten off

flower

Using 3.5mm hook and orange yarn make 5ch, join with a sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: 2ch, 11dc into ring, sl st to second of first 2ch

Fasten off orange yarn, join blue yarn to one dc

Rnd 2: [2ch, (1tr, 1dtr) into same dc, 1ch, (1dtr, 1tr) into next dc, one sl st into next dc] six times
Fasten off

to make up

Sew two leaves to instep, then sew flower between them

crochet clever

The neatest way to change colour in crochet is part way through a stitch. Work until you have two loops left on your hook, drop the old yarn then take up the new yarn. Fold it round the hook and draw this loop through the two stitches left on the hook

Why Not Try

For older children, try making our fun novelty slippers on p16

