

Shoe Base

Hook size H/8

1. Ch 11; 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 8 sc, 3 sc in last ch, 3 sc on other side of same ch, 8 sc, 2 sc in beg ch; join.
2. Ch 1; 2 hdc in next 2 sc, 8 hdc, 2 hdc in next 6 sc, 8 hdc, 2 hdc in last 2 sc; join.
3. (in back loops) Ch 1; sc around; join.
4. (in both loops) Ch1; sc around; join.
5. Ch 1; sc around; join.
6. Ch 1; 10 sc, (sc2tog, sc) 5 times, 11 sc; join.
7. Ch 1; 10 sc, hdc2tog 5 times, 11 sc; join.
8. Ch 1; 10 sc, dc5tog, 11sc; join. (Can fasten off here if you wish)

If you would like to, you can add various styles of “tops” to this base once you finish round 8.

Special stitches:

- Hdc (half-double crochet): YO (yarn over), insert hook in specified stitch, YO and draw up a loop [there should now be 3 loops on your hook], YO and draw through all loops on the hook
- Sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): insert hook in specified stitch, YO and draw up a loop, insert hook in next stitch, YO and draw up a loop [there should now be 3 loops on your hook], YO and draw through all loops on the hook
- Hdc2tog (hdc 2 together):YO, insert hook in specified stitch, YO and draw up a loop [there should now be 3 loops on your hook], YO, insert hook in next stitch, YO and draw up a look [there should now be 5 loops on your hook], YO and draw through all loops on the hook
- Dc5tog (double crochet 5 together): YO, insert hook in specified stitch, YO and draw up a loop [there should now be 3 loops on your hook], YO and draw through 2 loops [leaving 2 loops on your hook]; YO, insert hook in next stitch, YO and draw up a loop [there should now be 4 loops on your hook], YO and draw through 2 loops [leaving 3 loops on your hook]; continue in this manner until there are 6 loops left on your hook; YO and draw through all loops on the hook