

Sage Floral Crochet Slipper Boots



3D concept illustration; follow the written stitch instructions.

A soft, tall house-boot design with a dense crocheted foot, airy flower-square shaft, adjustable ties and fluffy pom-poms.

US crochet terms • Centimeters and inches • Adult worked example

Read this before you begin

This is an original, photo-inspired construction, not a recovered or tested copy of the pictured pattern. The foot is worked toe-up; separate flower squares create a similar decorative shaft. Make one fitting sample before completing the pair.

The supplied unnumbered diagram is reproduced only on the final page. It is a visual reference, not a verified chart for the written instructions. Follow the counts and fitting checks in this guide.



1. Materials & measurements

Skill level: intermediate. You should be comfortable working in rounds, counting stitches, seaming and adjusting fit. Make two matching boots.

Item	What to prepare
Yarn	Soft DK / light worsted yarn with clear stitch definition. Budget approximately 900-1,200 m (985-1,310 yd) for the pair; buy one dye lot. Exact use depends on shaft height and gauge.
Hooks	Start with 4.0 mm for the foot and 4.0-4.5 mm for motifs; change hooks to meet each gauge.
Tools	Tapestry needle, scissors, 6 stitch markers, tape measure, blocking mat and pins, 3 cm (1¼ in) pom-pom maker.
Optional	A flexible, purpose-made nonslip treatment suitable for the chosen yarn. Follow its product instructions.

Worked example: measure the wearer first

Measurement	Example / target
Actual foot length	24.5 cm (9 ⁵ / ₈ in); finished foot approximately 23.5 cm (9¼ in), with gentle stretch.
Foot circumference	Around 24.5-25.5 cm (9 ⁵ / ₈ -10 in); finished foot tube 24 cm (9½ in).
Calf / shaft	Example calf 30-32 cm (11¾-12 ⁵ / ₈ in); shaft about 32 cm (12 ⁵ / ₈ in) around.
Shaft height	Approximately 36-38 cm (14¼-15 in), measured above the foot opening.

Also measure around the heel and front ankle together. The shaft and foot opening must stretch over this diagonal heel measurement without strain. Check this on the first boot before making all the motifs.



2. Gauge & stitch guide

Foot gauge: 20 sc × 28 rounds = 10 × 10 cm (4 × 4 in), measured on relaxed fabric. Make a generous swatch and wash/dry as you will the boots. A smaller hook makes firmer, smaller fabric; a larger hook makes looser, larger fabric.

Motif gauge: one completed flower square = 8 × 8 cm (3½ × 3½ in), lightly blocked. Make one square first. Do not force it to size by extreme stretching.

Term	How to work it
ch / sl st	Chain / slip stitch. For sl st, insert hook, yarn over and pull through the stitch and loop on the hook.
sc	Single crochet: insert hook, yarn over, pull up loop; yarn over, pull through both loops.
dc	Double crochet: yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop; yarn over and pull through two loops twice.
inc	Work 2 sc into the same stitch. Adds one stitch.
2-dc cluster	Yarn over, insert into indicated stitch, pull up loop, yarn over and pull through 2; repeat in the same stitch, then yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
RS / WS	Right side / wrong side of the fabric.
[...] × n	Repeat everything inside the brackets n times.

Counting rules: foot rounds form a continuous spiral. Do not join or turn unless directed. Move a marker into the first stitch of each round. Turning ch 1 does not count as a stitch. On the motifs only, the starting ch 3 counts as 1 dc.

Working plan: toe → foot tube → flat heel extension → heel seam → ankle transition → four floral tiers → cuff and ties.



3. Crochet the toe & foot



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Start: make a magic ring, ch 1. Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring; pull closed (6). Alternatively, ch 2 and work 6 sc in the second chain from the hook.

Round	Instruction	Total
2	Inc in every stitch	12
3	[Sc 1, inc] × 6	18
4	[Sc 2, inc] × 6	24
5	[Sc 3, inc] × 6	30
6	[Sc 4, inc] × 6	36
7	[Sc 5, inc] × 6	42
8	[Sc 6, inc] × 6	48

Rnd 9 onward: sc in each stitch around (48). Continue until the distance from the toe tip to the working edge is about 19.2 cm (7½ in). Measure along the center of the foot, not diagonally.

Fit check: slide the tube over the forefoot. It should be snug but comfortable, with no curled toes. Adjust length now. The heel extension adds approximately 4.3 cm (1¾ in) in the next step.

4. Form & close the heel



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Choose the sole side: flatten the tube and center the toe. Mark a span of 32 stitches across the underside and lower sides. The remaining 16 stitches stay unworked across the top of the foot; these form the instep opening.

Reposition: fasten off if necessary and join yarn at the first marked heel stitch. Row 1: ch 1, sc across the marked 32 stitches, turn (32). Rows 2-12: ch 1, sc 32, turn. Do not crochet across the 16 instep stitches.

Check length before sewing: the toe plus extension should measure approximately 23.5 cm (9¼ in). Change the number of heel rows if needed, recording the new row count. Leave a 30 cm (12 in) sewing tail and fasten off.

Close the heel: turn the work inside out. Fold the last row in half so its 16 stitches meet the other 16. Whipstitch matching stitches together across this folded edge. This forms a vertical center-back heel seam. Secure the tail and turn right side out.

Test the slipper base: the heel should sit inside the pocket, and the instep edge should lie across the top of the foot. A small heel corner is normal for this simple seamed construction. If the seam pulls, add heel rows; if the heel is baggy, remove rows before continuing.

5. Build the ankle opening

Pickup round: with RS facing, join yarn at the heel seam. Ch 1. Work 16 sc evenly along the first heel side, 16 sc across the waiting instep stitches, and 16 sc evenly along the second heel side. Join with sl st to first sc (48).

For the 12-row heel, distribute 16 side stitches as [1 sc in each of the next 2 row ends, 2 sc in the next row end] × 4 on each side. Work into firm edge strands. If you changed heel length, still distribute the side stitches evenly and check that the edge is not puckered.

Widen gradually for the floral shaft

Round	Instruction	Total
A	Ch 1; [sc 5, inc] × 8; join to first sc.	56
B	Ch 1; [sc 6, inc] × 8; join to first sc.	64
C	Ch 1; sc in each stitch around; join.	64

Try it on now: the opening should stretch over the heel, then relax around the ankle. It will be looser than a fitted sock because the boot has a soft, slightly slouched shaft. Fasten off with a long tail for joining.

Measure the connection

At the stated sc gauge, 64 stitches measure approximately 32 cm (12⁵/₈ in) around. This matches four 8 cm (3¹/₈ in) motif edges. Lay the opening flat: it should be about 16 cm (6³/₄ in) wide without stretching.

If the opening cannot pass over the heel comfortably, stop and adjust before making the full shaft. Use a larger motif size and matching transition circumference; page 9 explains how to plan a different size.

The entire foot, including its underside, is crocheted fabric. This version has no separate manufactured sole. Use it as an indoor slipper and add a suitable nonslip finish if required.



6. Make the flower squares



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Make 16 squares per boot; 32 for the pair. Work all squares in sage yarn. Each should measure 8 cm (3½ in) square after gentle blocking.

Round 1: ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 11 dc into the ring. Join to top of ch 3 (12 dc).

Round 2: ch 1 (does not count). Work a 2-dc cluster in the first stitch, ch 2; [2-dc cluster in next stitch, ch 2] × 11. Join to the top of the first cluster (12 clusters and 12 ch-2 spaces).

Round 3: sl st into the first ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in this same space: first corner made. Work 3 dc in each of the next 2 spaces. [In next space work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc); 3 dc in each of the next 2 spaces] × 3. Join to top of starting ch 3 (48 dc; 4 corner spaces).

Round 4: ch 1; sc in every dc. In each corner ch-2 space work (sc, ch 2, sc). Join to first sc; fasten off (56 sc and 4 ch-2 corners). Each side has 14 sc between corner spaces: 12 over dc plus one sc from each adjacent corner.

Check: 12 petals, 4 corners, flat edges. Block evenly without stretching out the center. The flower is an adaptation of the reference appearance; its chart is not the supplied final-page diagram.

7. Join the floral shaft



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Make a tier: place four squares side by side with the RS facing you. Join neighboring vertical edges with a flat whipstitch through corresponding edge stitches, including corner loops. Close the fourth square to the first to make a ring. Keep all four upper edges free. Make four rings per boot.

Prepare the lower edge of each ring: with RS facing, work one joined sc round. For each square edge, work 1 sc in its first corner space, 1 sc in each of its 14 edge stitches, and 1 sc in its final corner space: 16 sc per square and 64 sc around. At each vertical seam, work one stitch into each of the two adjoining corner spaces; do not add a separate stitch into the seam. Join; fasten off.

Count as you go: place a marker after every 16-stitch section. Four equal sections connect directly to the 64-stitch ankle edge. Keep the two stitches at each square junction relaxed.

Prepare the upper edge: repeat the same 64-sc edge round on the opposite edge of each ring. Check that both edges lie flat. These slim solid bands separate the flower tiers.

Attach and stack: match the first ring's 64 lower-edge stitches to the ankle's 64 stitches. Whipstitch loosely, keeping the seam inside. Sew each next ring's lower edge to the previous ring's upper edge, matching all 64 stitches. Align square seams vertically at the back and around the shaft.

Check after each tier: slide the boot on, verify comfortable stretch and keep seams flexible. Four floral tiers plus their narrow bands give approximately 34-36 cm (13½-14¼ in) before the cuff.



8. Add the cuff, ties & pom-poms



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Cuff round 1: join yarn to the top edge at the back. Ch 1, sc in each of the 64 stitches; join (64).

Eyelet round: ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, skip next stitch; [dc in next stitch, ch 1, skip next stitch] × 31. Join to top of starting ch 3 (32 dc and 32 ch-1 spaces).

Top round: ch 1; work 1 sc in each dc and 1 sc in each ch-1 space around; join (64). Fasten off and weave in the end. The cuff adds roughly 2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in), depending on gauge.

Make a tie for each boot: chain loosely until the cord measures 90-110 cm ($35\frac{1}{2}$ - $43\frac{1}{4}$ in). Starting in the second chain from the hook, sl st in each chain. Fasten off. Check the finished cord is long enough for a loose bow; remake longer if needed.

Thread: choose a front or outer-side opening. Weave the cord alternately in and out through the eyelets all the way around so both ends emerge together. Try on and tie loosely; the cord should support the shaft without pressing into the leg.

Make 4 pom-poms: wrap yarn around a 3 cm ($1\frac{1}{4}$ in) maker, tie the center tightly with a doubled strand, cut the loops, and trim round. Sew one securely to each cord end after threading. Pull gently to check attachment.

9. Adjust, finish & care

Change the size deliberately

Foot width: at this gauge, 42 / 48 / 54 sc give approximately 21 / 24 / 27 cm (8¼ / 9½ / 10⅝ in) around. Stop toe increases at round 7 for 42; use round 8 for 48; add [sc 7, inc] × 6 for 54. Choose by measured circumference and comfortable stretch.

Heel allocation: for 42 / 48 / 54 stitches, work the heel flat across 28 / 32 / 36 stitches and leave 14 / 16 / 18 instep stitches. Use heel rows to achieve length. For the pickup round, collect 14 / 16 / 18 stitches on each side plus the waiting instep stitches: 42 / 48 / 54 total.

Length formula: desired relaxed finished length = actual foot length minus about 0.5-1 cm (¼-⅜ in). Heel-extension length = heel rows ÷ 2.8 at the stated row gauge. Stop the foot tube at finished length minus extension length. Fit takes priority over the calculation.

Shaft circumference: four 8 / 8.5 / 9 cm squares give approximately 32 / 34 / 36 cm (12⅝ / 13⅜ / 14¼ in). Swatch motifs at the chosen size. Measure their prepared edge gauge and adjust ankle increases until its edge matches the 64-stitch ring comfortably. Use a compatible hook for these joining rounds. Wider motifs stretch less tightly over the heel.

Height: omit or add a complete four-square tier. Each tier changes height by approximately 8-9 cm (3⅛-3½ in). Recheck calf fit at the top; circumference and height are independent measurements.

Finish the pair

Record the first boot's toe count, tube length, heel rows, hook sizes and motif measurements. Repeat for the second boot. Weave each tail through several stitches, reverse direction and trim. Gently block the shafts to matching dimensions, following the yarn label; avoid direct heat on synthetic fibers.

Check heel seams, cord tension and all joins. Hand wash or use the yarn manufacturer's recommended cycle, reshape and dry flat. Apply any nonslip treatment according to its instructions before wearing on smooth floors.

Final-page chart key: ovals usually indicate chains; dots indicate slip stitches; crosses indicate sc; barred stems indicate taller stitches. The supplied chart is unnumbered and has ambiguous symbols and counts. Preserve it for visual study; use pages 2-10 for this adapted construction.



