



Matilda's Meadow

Classic T-Bar Baby Shoes

Size: 0-6 months: 4 ¼" (10.50cms), 6-12 months: 4 ½" (11.50cms)(instructions for larger size in brackets)



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Materials Required

Soles: approximately 30mts (32yds) of worsted or aran cotton yarn – I used Drops Paris 100% cotton – ½ a skein.

Uppers: approx 80mts (87yds) lightweight worsted or aran yarn – I used Rooster *Almerino Aran*, a beautifully soft yarn that comes in gorgeous colours - 50% alpaca, 50% merino wool.

1 x 3.50mm hook

2 x tiny buttons – mine were a vintage find.

Gauge/Tension: 4 ½ sts sc x 5 rows in sc = 1 inch x 1 inch (2.54cms).

NOTE: the gauge is important to achieve the size specified above.

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Soles (Make 2)

0-6months (11cms)

6-9 months (12cms)- [instructions in brackets]

Round 1: ch10[12], 1sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in next 7[9]sts, 4sc in first st of chain, working up second side of chain, 1sc in next 8[10]sts, 4sc in last st, place stitch marker (written from now on as psm).
24[28]sts.

Round 2: 1sc in next 4[5]sts, 1hdc in next 4[5]sts, 2hdc in next 4sts, 1hdc in next 4[5]sts, 1sc in next 5[6]sts, 2sc in next 3sts, psm.
31[35]sts.

Round 3: 1sc in next 6[7]sts, 1hdc in next 1[2]sts, 1dc in next 2sts, 2dc in next 6sts, 1dc in next 1[2]sts, 1hdc in next 3sts, 1sc in next 7[8]sts, 2hdc in next 4sts, 1sc in last st, psm.
41[45]sts.

Round 4: 1sc in next 9[10]sts, 1hdc in next 1[2]sts, 2hdc in next st, [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st] 5 times, 1hdc in next 3sts, then 1sc in next 12[14]sts, 2sc in next st, 1sc in next 4sts, then finish with 1sl st in next st.
48[52]sts.
Break of yarn and fasten ends away.

5. Find center back and centre front by folding the sole down the central foundation chain and mark both points with some short pieces of contrast yarn (these points should be between 2 sts so that there are 24[26]sts to either side between CF and CB).



Upper

Round 1: Using main color yarn, insert hook between the loops of the stitch to left of center back, work 1sl st in bl of this st, then 1sl st in bl of each st of the round (be sure to keep your slip sts loose – when the piece is laid flat this round should not pull the sole inwards). When you reach the end, join to 1st st with a sl st. **48[52]sts.**



Round 2: 1ch (does not count as a stitch). 1sc in BL of 1st st, then 1sc in BL of each st of the round (you may find it easiest to work right through the BL of sts of previous round *and* BL of sts of last sole round), at the end, join to 1st st with a sl st. **48[52]sts.**

Round 3: 1ch, 1sc in 1st st, then 1sc in every stitch of the round, join to 1st with 1sl st. **48[52]sts.**



Round 2

Round 3

Round 4: 1ch, 1sc in 1st st, 1sc in next 13[15]sts, [sc2tog, 1sc in next st]6 times, sc2tog, 1sc in next 14[16]sts, join with 1sl st. **41[45]sts.**



Round 4

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Round 5: 1ch, 1sc in 1st st, 1sc in next 13[15]sts, (sc2tog, 1sc in next st)5 times, 1sc in next 12[14]sts, at the end of the round, join with 1 sl st. **36[40]sts.**



Round 6: 1ch, 1sc in 1st st, 1sc in next 13[15]sts, sc2tog, 1hdc in next 5sts, sc2tog, 1sc in next 13[15]sts, at the end of the round, join with a sl st. **34[38]sts.**
Fasten off and tidy ends away.



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Sides

Row 1: with the heel facing you, rejoin yarn at 11th [13th] st to right from last st of last round of upper, 1sc in this st, 1sc in next [23]sts, turn. (At CB, skip over the starting chain and joining sl st of the last round). Turn. **24 [28]sts.**



Row 2: Skip 1st st, 1sc in next 21 [25]sts, skip next st, 1sc in last st, turn. **22 [26]sts.**

Row 3: Skip 1st st, 1sc in next 7[9]sts, sc2tog, 1sc in next 2[3]sts, sc2tog, 1sc in next 6[7]sts, skip next st, 1sc in last st, turn. **18 [22]sts.**



Row 4: Ch1, work 1sc down into same st as last sc of previous row (working over the last sc of last row). Now work down into the row below, 1sc over next 7[10] sc of Row 2 and 3. (Pull the stitch loops up long so that the stitches sit on top of the stitches of the previous row). Working in the same way, sc2tog, 1sc down into next st, sc2tog, then 1sc over each st to last st, 1sc in same st as 1st sc of previous row, turn.



Row 5: ch1, skip 1st st, 1sl st in each st. Fasten off leaving a long tail of approx 2yds (2mts) to work the finishing row at the front (after the next stage).



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T-Bar

Row 1: with the toe facing you, counting from the right, insert the hook in the 3rd st from the edge of the side, work 1sc in this st, 1sc in next 5sts, turn. 6sts.



Row 2: ch1, sc2tog, 1sc in next 2sts, sc2tog, turn. 4sts.

Row 3: ch1, 1sc in each st, turn.

Repeat the last row 8 times.

Fasten off leaving a 6" tail (15cms) to sew the strap loop of the T-bar later.



Front Finishing Row.

Return to yarn at top right-hand side, insert hook in last st of Row 5 and work 1sl st, continue down the front edge, working 1sc in end of each row, in each of the un-worked sts at the front, continue up the side of the T-Bar, across the top and down the second side, then across un-worked sts at front and back up the second side edge. When you reach the top and the last sl st row of the sides, fasten off and tidy ends away.



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Strap (make 2)

Ch22, 1sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1sc in each chain to 5th ch from start, 1sl st in 1st ch to make a loop, 6sc into the centre of loop, then working back up the 2nd side of the chain, skip 1st ch, 1sc in each ch to end (work into the centre of the chain so that the stitches are right next to those worked on the 1st side). Join with 1sl in 1st sc, then fasten off leaving a tail of 6" (15cms) to sew the strap to the shoe.



Finishing

Fold the last 4 rows of the T-bar back to create a loop (check that the strap can slot through easily), sew down along top edge with a few stitches. Pass one strap through the loop on each shoe – right to left on the right foot, left to right on the other). With the centre of the strap aligned with the centre of the T-Bar, sew the plain end of the strap securely in place on the side of each shoe. Position the button at the opposite side where the loop of the strap meets the shoe (if possible, try the shoe on the baby's foot to find the position for the button). The central strap should sit snugly between the sides when the shoe is buttoned.



To finish: stretch the shoes into shape by gently pulling the sole in both direction. Straighten the back of the heel of the shoe, stretch out the toe to create a nice rounded dome shape. When you're satisfied with the overall shape, stuff the toes with a little damp cotton wool or wadding and leave to dry in a warm place.



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That's it! I hope that you enjoyed making the little T-Bar Shoes and that you're happy with the results. Thanks so much for your interest in my work and please do come back soon to Matilda's Meadow to try out another original design,

Best wishes,
Caroline



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Crochet Abbreviations

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approx – approximately

beg – begin or beginning

BL – back loop(s)

CB – center back

CF – center front

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

dc cluster – 2 double crochet stitches worked into the same space

dc2tog – double crochet 2 stitches together to decrease by one stitch

FL – front loop

hdc – half double crochet

inc – increase

MC – main color

Psm – place stitch marker

RS – right side

sc – single crochet

sc2tog – single crochet next 2 sts together to decrease by one stitch

sk – skip

sl st – slip stitch

st(s) – stitch (stitches)

tbl – through back loop

tch – turning chain

tog – together

trc – treble crochet

WS – wrong side

yo – yarn over

yoh – yarn over hook

Conversion of terms for UK readers

American Terms

Double Crochet (DC)

Half Double crochet (hdc)

Treble Crochet (tr)

Double Treble Crochet (dtr)

English equivalent

Single Crochet (sc)

Half treble crochet (htc)

Double treble crochet (dtr)

Trible treble crochet (ttc)