



## Crochet & Sheepskin Bootees

*These cute bootees will keep your little one snug and warm through the winter. You may be able to recycle a piece of sheepskin you have around the house (slippers? ugg boots? car seat covers?) or you can purchase sheepskin online – if you are buying a full sheepskin to use as a rug, you could trim off some pieces to use for the bootees.*

### Abbreviations

Ch – chain; dc – double crochet; tr – treble; sl st – slip stitch; rep – repeat; st – stitch

### Requirements

Scraps of sheepskin for 2 bases and 2 tops

25g 8 ply wool or wool blend

Small amount of 8 ply in a contrasting colour for trims

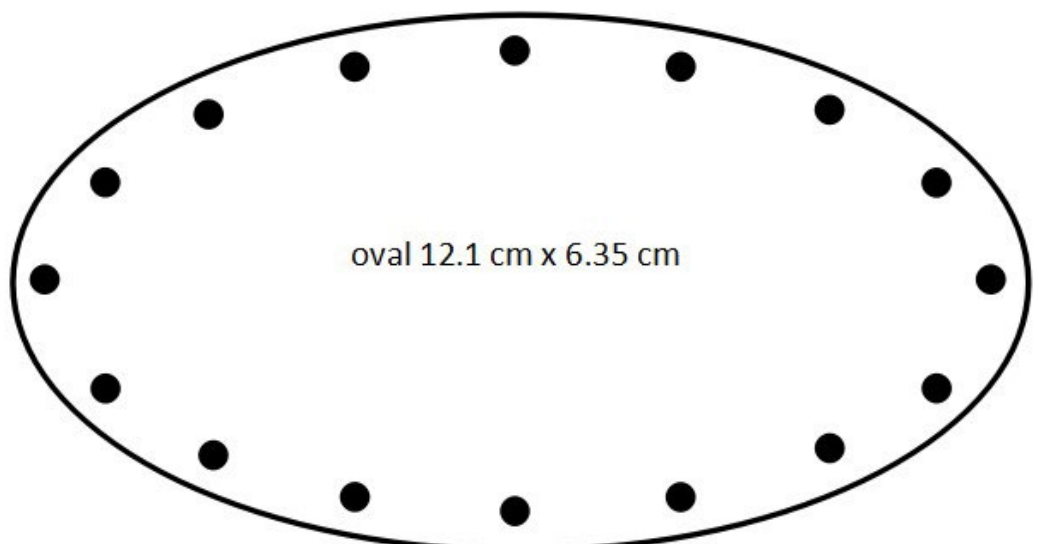
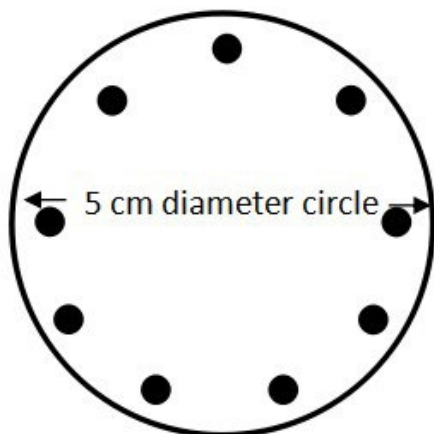
Size 3.00mm crochet hook for loose workers or 3.50mm crochet hook for tight workers

Use a very small crochet hook to pull wool through holes for first rounds of bases and tops.

A tool for making holes in the sheepskin: a leather punch, pointed bodkin or large strong needle

### Sheepskin templates

Make a template as per the pattern from plastic or cardboard, and cut out the sheep skin from this. Cut two circles for tops, and two ovals for bases. Punch holes as indicated by dots.





# Week Eight



## Making the Bootees

The bootee is crocheted in two parts. The sheepskin circle which forms the top, and the sheepskin base, which are then joined together.

Top of Bootees - crochet first

1st round: - with skin side facing take sheepskin circle, 2 ch for first dc, 3 ch, dc into next hole 3 ch, repeat to the end, sl st into second ch.

2nd Round:- Using 3.00mm (or 3.5mm crochet hook) 1 ch, 4 dc into 3 ch loop, miss dc, 4 dc into next 3 ch loop; repeat to end. Join with sl st into first ch. Fasten off. 36 dc.

## Base of Bootees

1st Round: Use a very small crochet hook to pull the yarn through the holes. With skin side facing you start at the heel of the sole and crochet 2 dc into each hole, 48 dc. Sl st to join round.

2nd Round: Using 3.00mm (or 3.50mm) crochet hook start with 3 ch, 1 tr into each dc to end 48 tr, join with sl st to top of beginning chain.

3rd Round: Rep 2nd round

4th Round: 2ch , 1 dc into next 9 tr. Join sheepskin circle to base making sure the skin side is facing you and the wool side is facing up, Join with 28 dc (placing hook through dc on base and ds on top leaving 10 free. Dc into next 10 dc, join with sl st into top of 2 ch.

5th Round: 3ch, 1 tr into next dc, 1ch miss one st, 1 tr into next st repeat to the end. Join with sl st into top of first ch. This forms casing to thread chain ties through.

6th Round: 3 ch 1 tr into each st, join with sl st to complete round.

7th Round: As 6th round. Fasten off and darn in end.

8th Round: Using contrast yarn 2ch into first tr, 1 dc into top of each dc to end of row; sl st into top of first 2 ch. Fasten off and darn in ends.

Tie:- Using contrast yarn crochet 180 chain finish off tie a knot each end and leave ¼ inch of wool... Thread though casing and tie a bow in front of bootees to finish off.

**Second Bootee:** Make as above

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