

Crochet Tutorial for Botties® Basic Edition

C101 Boshilettes



BOTTIES®



Materials

1 pair

**Botties Soles Basic Edition
including felt insoles
and thread for „Round 0“**

EU sizes: 37/38, 39/40, 41/42

US sizes: 6.5/7.5, 8.5/9.5, 10.5/11.5

UK sizes: 4.5/5.5, 6.5/7.5, 8.5/9.5

1 ball

myboshi Samt

Chenille wool

Weight of ball: 100g / 3.5 oz

Length of ball: 100m / 109 yards

Hook: 5-7mm

darning or wool needle

dull, with large eyelet

Hook

5 mm

optional

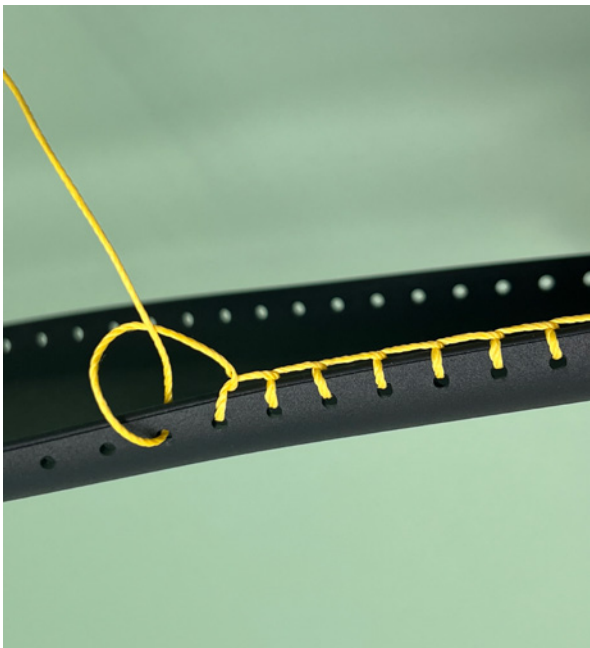
Hook

2 mm

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Round 0



Take the wool needle and thread for round 0. Divide the latter (about 2.5 meters / 2.7 yards). Take thread single. Hem the sole edge with the blanket stitch.

*Note: For better visibility, these three pictures were taken with yellow thread. For the rest of the tutorial, a black thread was used.

Round 1



We use UK term
 „double crochet“
 = single crochet
 (US term)

Start in the center of the heel: work one double crochet stitch in each stitch of round 0, crocheting around the entire edge of the sole.

Info about the decreases

As you will see in the following rounds, many decreases are needed to crochet the sole. We have worked out a suitable scheme for each sole size. However, we ask that you use this as a guide only. If you crochet looser or tighter (or with a different yarn), dare to crochet more or less decreases individually. If you crochet too loosely, you may end up with ripples. And if you crochet too tightly, the sole may bend. So it's important to find your own balance for the placement of decreases. But you will understand the concept quite quickly, it will not be difficult for you.

Rounds 2-4



From round 1, go directly to round 2 and work another double crochet stitch in each stitch of round 1. At the end of the 2nd round make a decrease by skipping the last stitch.

Continue with the decreases in round 3: work three double crochet stitches, then skip one stitch. Continue this pattern until the end of round 3.

Round 4 as round 3.

The felt insole should be inserted now.

Round 5



size 37/38 (EU):

Work double crochet stitches. To decrease, skip every 8th stitch. Also skip the 3rd stitch before the heel center, then crochet a stitch, skip another stitch, crochet a stitch and skip another stitch.

Size 39/40 (EU):

Work double crochet stitches. Decreases are only at the toe and center of the heel: skip the 3rd stitch before each center, crochet one stitch and skip another stitch.

Size 41/42 (EU):

Work double crochet stitches. Decreases are only at the long sides (skip one stitch in the middle of each), at the toe and at the middle of the heel: skip the 3rd stitch before each center, crochet one stitch and skip another stitch.

Round 6

After the previous round ends with decreases, continue to double crochet. Decreases are then made only at the toe: skip the 3rd stitch before the center of the toe, crochet a stitch and skip another stitch.

Round 7

Size 37/38:

Is crocheted like round 5.

Sizes 39/40 and 41/42:

Only double crochet without decreases.

Round 8

Size 37/38:

Crochet as in round 6. Cut the thread at the end of the round. The thread should be long enough to sew the slit later.

Round 8 (cont.)

Sizes **39/40** and **41/42**:

Work double crochet stitches. Decreases are only at the toe and center of the heel: skip the 3rd stitch before each center, crochet one stitch and skip another stitch.

Round 9

Only for **sizes 39/40** and **41/42**:

Double crochet and decrease as needed. It may be enough to crochet only half of the round, so that the slit can be sewn in the next step. The seam won't be quite centered then, but you won't see that under the upper shoe later. Cut the thread at the end of the round. The thread should be long enough to sew the slit closed.

Sew up



Using a wool or darning needle, pick up the thread and pass it from side to side like a surgeon. When doing this, always go through only half of the stitch. At the end, sew the thread and let it disappear under the crochet sole.

Upper shoe



The upper shoe is a simple rectangle of double crochet stitches. To do this, create a foundation chain. Leave the initial thread of the chain long. This will be used later to sew the part to the sole.

Our recommendation for the length of the chain:

Size 37/38: 14 stitches.

Sizes 39/40 and 41/42: 15 stitches.

This number of stitches determines the **length** of the upper shoe. Important to know: later a hem will be added on both sides. The longer the upper shoe, the better the fit on the foot. However, depending on your fashion taste, a shorter version is also possible.

Upper shoe (cont.)



Now crochet a total of about 15 rows, depending on the size of the foot. These rows give the **width** of the upper shoe. With 1-2 rows more or less you can now adjust the fit to your foot. To ensure that the upper shoe gives the foot good support later, the rectangle should be placed over the foot to check: Stand with your foot on the sole and place the rectangle firmly over the foot as shown in the picture. The rectangle should not touch the sole, there should be a small gap on both sides! Finish crocheting the piece and leave the thread long (for sewing on later) before cutting it.

Sew on



Attach the upper shoe to the sole with pins or Wonderclips. Check the position and remember that the rectangle will be hemmed later (on the open sides). So it will be a little longer on both sides.

Both sides are worked the same way: Pick up the long starting (or ending) thread with a wool or darning needle and sew it to the first row of stitches on the sole. Finish invisibly with a knot, leaving the thread long and sewing and hiding it under the crochet sole.

Tip: To narrow the opening at the toe a bit, the front part of the edges (= the corners) can be turned slightly inward when sewing on. When hemming later, there is another possibility to narrow the opening additionally.

Hemming



Open edge at the back (towards heel):

Work double crochet stitches around the sole and the edge of the upper shoe. Start and end point can be chosen freely. Single or double thread? See tip on next page.

When hemming the sole, it may be difficult for the thick crochet hook to get through the stitches of the 1st round. With a small crochet hook (e.g. 2 mm) you can get out the loops.

Add a stitch in each of the two transitions from sole to upper shoe, so that the corner is rounded off a bit. Close the circle, sew thread and hide it.

Hemming (cont.)



Open edge at the front (towards toes):

Repeat the same procedure. With the only difference: to narrow the opening once more (see tip earlier, when sewing on there was already the first possibility to make the opening more narrow), we skip one stitch

in each of the two transitions from sole to upper shoe. Close the circle, sew the thread and hide it.

Tip: The thread for hemming can also be taken double to get a visually larger hem. Please keep in mind that this will also thicken the hem of the edges of the upper shoe, which will stand out a little from the rest.

Completion



Sew the labels of myboshi or Botties on the outsides. This way you can distinguish the left and right shoe, because the sole shapes are still neutral. Once you have walked the first steps in your new Boshilettes, the difference between left and right will become clear.

Care instructions:

The Boshilettes are machine washable at 30° Celsius (medium spin cycle!). If necessary, protect in a fabric bag from zippers and Velcro fasteners of other clothing. Do not put in the dryer.