



Free Spirit Victorian Boots

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Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton, toe color and gaitor color
- Size 5 steel hook
- 4mm beads

Start at the sole of the shoe with toe color

- 1: Ch11, two sc in second ch from hook, sc in next eight ch, three sc in last ch, sc in next eight ch on opposite side of ch, two sc in last ch, join, ch1. 23sc
- 2: 2hdc in first two sc, hdc in next eight sc, two hdc in next three sc, hdc in next eight sc, two hdc in the last two sc, join, ch1. 30 sc
- 3: Sc in each hdc around, join, ch1. 30 sc
- 4: Working in back loops only, sc in next 11 sc, (hdc next two sts tog) four times, sc in last ten 11 sc, join, ch1. 26 sts

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5: Sc in next ten sc, (hdc next two tog) three times, sc in last ten sc, finish off. 23 sts

Gaitors

1: With the toe of the shoe facing to the right, and the right side facing you (you will be working on the outside of the shoe for the right shoe), with gaitor color join in the back loop of the eighth sc from the heel, sc in the back loop of each st around, sc in front loop of the next four stitches (forms a four stitch overlap for the gaitors), ch1, turn. 27 sc

2: Sc in each sc around with one decrease at the toe of the shoe, ch1, turn. 26 sc

3: Sc in each sc around with two decreases on either side of the shoe, ch1, turn 24 sc

4: Sc in each sc around with one decrease at the heel and one dec at the toe, ch1, turn. 22 sc

5-10: Sc in each sc around, ch1, turn. 22 sc

11: (Sc, 2dc) in every other stitch around, sc in the last st, (ch2, skip 1 row, sc in side of the next row) four times, sl st in the last st. Fasten off.

Or, if you prefer to eliminate the buttons and buttonloops, continue down the side of the gaitor in the pattern used across the top, catching the post of a single crochet of the opposite side of the gaitor with the sc of the pattern stitch on down the side. Or you can sew the sides together when finished.

For the left shoe, point the toe to the right. Working on the inside of the shoe on the opposite side from where you worked the right shoe, join with a sc in the front loop of the eighth sc from the heel. Work as for the right shoe. Use 4mm beads for buttons.