booties

MAKING THE BOOTIES Each bootie is worked in three separate pieces: sole, vamp, and ankle strap. The sole, with its heel piece, is created using a combination of rounds and rows; the vamp and ankle strap are made in rows only. The three completed pieces are then stitched together to form the bootie. Each of the finished booties measures 4 inches in length; to make a bigger bootie, use a larger-size crochet hook.

You will need: One crochet hook US size D3 (3.25 mm); 50 grams red fingering-weight wool yarn; one yarn needle; two white shirt buttons; red or white sewing thread. **Gauge:** 21 stitches by 24 rows equals 3 inches square

Abbreviations:
ST(S) = stitch(es)
SL ST(S) = slip stitch(es)
CH(S) = chain stitch(es)
T-CH(S) = turning chain
SC(S) = single crochet(s)

For the sole: To begin, ch 21. **Rnd 1:** 3 sc in second ch from hook, 1 sc in each of next 18 chs, 3 sc in last ch. You are now at the end of your chain. Do not turn your work, but continue up the other side of the chain. (You will be working into the

opposite side of the foundation chain.) 1 sc in each of next 18 sts. You have created an elongated oval with stitches on both sides of the chain; now you will work in the round, traveling continuously around the oval. **Rnd 2:** *2 sc in next 3 sts, 1 sc in each of next 18 sts.* Repeat from * to *. Do not turn your work. **Rnd 3:** *2 sc in next 3 sts, 1 sc in each of next 21 sts.* Repeat from * to *. Do not turn your work. **Rnd 4:** *2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 1sc in each of next 24 sts.* Repeat from * to *. Do not turn your work. **Rnd 5:** *2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of next 26 sts.* Repeat from * to *. Mark this spot with a piece of scrap yarn in a contrasting color. Do not turn your work. **Rnds 6 to 13:** 1 sc in each st. (Stop directly above the scrap yarn after finishing round 13; there should be a total of 62 stitches in this last round.) Do not turn your work. Now, begin to work in rows to create the heel piece. **Row 14:** 1 sc in each of next 17 sts, t-ch, turn. **Rows 15 and 16:** 1 sc in each of next 28 sts, t-ch, turn. **Row 17:** 1 sc in each of next 28 sts. Finish off. Weave in ends. Remove scrap yarn used for marking in round 5.

For the vamp: To begin, ch 6. **Row 1:** 1 sc in second ch from hook, 1 sc in next 4 sts, t-ch, turn. **Row 2:** *1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, 1 sc in each of next 3 sts, t-ch, turn. **Row 3:** Repeat from * to * as indicated in row 2, 1 sc in next 4 sts, t-ch, turn.

Row 4: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 5 sts, t-ch, turn.
Row 5: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 6 sts, t-ch, turn.
Row 6: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 7 sts, t-ch, turn.
Row 7: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 8 sts, t-ch, turn.
Row 8: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 9 sts, t-ch, turn.
Row 9: Repeat from * to * as in row 2, 1 sc in next 10 sts, t-ch, turn.
Rows 10 to 15: 1 sc in each st, t-ch, turn. Finish off. Weave in ends.

For the ankle strap: To begin, ch 19. **Row 1:** 1 sc in second ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch, t-ch, turn. **Row 2:** 1 sc in each st, t-ch, turn. **Row 3:** 1 sc in each st, ch 7, and secure to the first st at the end of the foundation row with a slip stitch. This forms a loop for the button closure. Finish off. Weave in ends.

To assemble: 1. Thread a yarn needle with a piece of matching yarn. For each bootie, align the vamp with the toe of the sole, right sides together. Sew in place using a whipstitch. Turn right side out. **2.** To attach each strap, align the end of the strap that doesn't have the loop with top edge of the bootie's heel piece on the inside of the foot. Pin in place, right sides together; sew using a whipstitch. When making the second bootie, be sure to secure the strap to the opposite, inside edge. **3.** To attach each button: Thread a sewing needle with thread, and stitch the button in place on the outer side of the bootie's heel piece.