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Tatted Slippers for Baby

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TATTED slippers for the baby are quite a novelty. Use a firm, well twisted crochet - cotton, light-blue, pink or other delicate color, or white. The little shoes illustrated are of blue.

1. Commence at one end of the sole with a cloverleaf of 5 double knots, picot, (2 double knots, picot) 3 times, 5 double knots, close; make 2 more rings in same way, joining each to preceding by 1st side picot, and drawing the 3 together closely at the base; leave little space of thread, about one eighth inch, make a ring, joining as before by 1st picot to last picot of preceding ring, turn, make another ring, joining to other side of cloverleaf, and continue until you have made 14 single rings in all, first on one side, then the other, as you would the double-ring insertion, joining each to the preceding; then make a cloverleaf of 6 double knots, join to ring preceding it, (3 double knots, picot) 3 times, 6 double knots, close; make 2 more rings in same way, joining each to preceding, and joining the 3d by last picot to 1st picot of ring of insertion on other side; fasten off neatly.

2. Make a ring of 5 double knots, picot, (2 double knots, join to picot of ring in the sole) twice, thus joining 2d and 3d picots of the 2 rings, 2 double knots, picot, 5 double knots, close; make a chain of 4 double knots, picot, 2 double knots, picot, 4 double knots; a ring, joining to preceding by 1st picot and by 2d and 3d picots to corresponding picots of next ring of sole; repeat until you have made 7 rings, joined as directed, then join a ring in same way to the 2 free picots of 1st ring of cloverleaf, then 5 double knots, join to preceding ring, 3 double knots, join to picot connecting 1st and 2d rings of clover-leaf, 3 double knots, picot, 5 double knots, close; make the chain, as always, then a ring, joining as usual to the 2 free picots of next ring of cloverleaf, the chain, then a ring like 2d preceding, joining between 2d and 3d rings of clover-leaf, join next ring to the 2 free picots, as usual, and continue down side of sole, joining also 5 rings around 2d cloverleaf, and last ring to 1st. Join last chain at base of 1st ring, and fasten off.

3. Make a ring of 5 double knots, picot, (2 double knots, picot) 3 times, 5 double knots, close; a chain of 4 double knots, join to picot of chain in last row, 2 double knots, join to next picot of same chain, 4 double knots, another ring, joining to preceding by side picot; repeat around, alternating rings and chains, and join last chain at base of 1st ring.

4. Make the wheel for top of vamp or instep as follows: A ring of 10 picots, separated by 2 double knots; cut and tie. Make a ring of 4 double knots, picot, 3 double knots, join to picot of large or center ring, 3 double knots, picot, 4 double knots, close; a chain of 3 double knots, picot, 2 double knots (using the larger cloverleaf for toe, count 1 ring of last row for middle, and 6 others down each side), join to 1st picot (from toe) of 6th ring, 2 double knots, join to 1st free picot of next or 5th ring, 3 double knots; a ring same as last, joining to next picot of center ring, and to preceding ring by side picot, always; chain of 3 double knots, join to next picot of 5th ring, 2 double knots, join to 1st free picot of 4th ring, 2 double knots, join to next picot of same ring, 3 double knots; a ring, joining as before; a chain, as directed, joining to next 3 free picots; a ring; a chain of 3 double knots, join to next free picot, (2 double knots, join to next free picot) 3 times, 3 double knots; * a ring; and work from * backward, down other side of vamp. After having joined the last chain to a picot each of 5th and 6th ring, finish chain with 2 double knots, picot, 3 double knots, make a ring, a free chain of 3 double knots, picot, (2 double knots, picot) twice, 3 double knots, a ring, joining to 1st ring by last picot, and a free chain, joining at base of 1st ring; fasten off.

5. Join the thread to picot which joins 2d picot of 1st chain to 6th ring, make a chain of 2 double knots, (picot, 2 double knots) 3 times; a ring of 5 double knots, picot, (2 double knots, join to free picot of next ring, 7th from middle of toe) twice, 2 double knots, picot, 3 double knots, close; chain of 2 double knots, (picot, 2 double knots) 4 times; a ring, as before, joining by 2d and 3d picots to corresponding picots of next ring (8th from toe) of 3d row, and by 1st picot to last picot of preceding ring. Continue in this way entirely around the heel, ending with a chain like that with which you commenced the row, joined to the picot which joins 6th ring of toe to chain of vamp.

Run narrow ribbon around the top and tie in a dainty bow in center of instep. The slippers may be lined, if desired, but for summer wear they are very cool and dainty without lining; and they are serviceable, as well.