Easy Newborn Booties

Bootie should measure approximately 3.5 - 4" in length for a newborn, and be about 2" - 2.5" instep

(Made in one piece and folded in half.)
Size H hook and several yards of 'Simply Soft' 4 ply worsted weight yarn.

Sole of bootie - bootie is made crocheting in the back loops ONLY to make ridges.

Ch 27
ROW 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn (26sc)
ROW 2: Sc in each sc across row (26 sc), ch 1, turn.
ROW 3-8: repeat row 2, except on row 8, don't ch 1 at the end, just turn.
ROW 9 (forms the top of bootie): sl st in the first 5 sts, ch 1 (counts as one sc), and make 1 sc in the same st, sc in the next few sts leaving the last 4 sts unworked. Chain 1, turn
ROW 10 -16 : sc in each sc across, ch 1 at each end of row, do not chain 1 at end of last row. (for the last 2 rows you can change colors if you wish)
End off.
Fold in half and whip-stitch up using yarn and big eyed needle, to form bootie. Flip bootie right side out. Yes, I stitch up the ankle. Some have asked if that should be open. I only leave them open for burial outfits.

Preemie size for a 3-4 lb preemie
Use an F hook and baby yarn... not fingering. Make pattern as given.