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# Star Stitch Boot Cuffs

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With October bringing its gust of chilly weather, now is the time to start planning the perfect fall and winter wardrobes. To set the scene, picture yourself headed to work, a cup of coffee or hot cocoa—probably with a pinch of pumpkin spice—warming your hand, the collar of your overcoat turned up against the wind, and the perfect set of calf-high boots keeping your feet toasty. Something is missing, and that something is a pair of Star Stitch Boot Cuffs from Janaya Chouinard at Charmed by Ewe. Trendy boot cuffs are incredibly popular right now, so they are not only fun and simple to make for yourself, but they are also the perfect gift idea for a winter birthday or Christmas. With a ribbed texture on the bottom and a snow-like star stitch on the top, these boot cuffs are fashionable and unique. The delightful design will practically cartwheel off your hooks, and the star stitch is an easy one to learn.

## <u>Notes</u>

Skill Level: Easy

**Sizes:** Extra Small (10" - 12"), Small (12" - 14"), Medium (14" - 16"), Large (16" - 18")

To Determine Size: Measure around the widest part of the lower leg.

#### Supplies:

- Worsted weight yarn such as Red Heart With Love
- 5.0 mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain the gauge
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- 3/4" buttons (2)



**Gauge in HDC:** 14 stitches and 11 rows = 4" (10 cm) **PLEASE CHECK YOUR GAUGE** 

Abbreviations: ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch, sc = single crochet, sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together,

hdc = half double crochet

#### **Special Instructions:**

- The starting chain does not count as a stitch
- The end of each round is joined by slip stitching in the first stitch of the round, not the starting chain

**Star Stitch Instructions:** To make the first Star Stitch of the round - Ch 2, draw up a loop in the second chain from the hook, draw up a loop in the **Back Loop** of the same stitch as your starting chain, draw up a loop in the **Back Loop** of each of the next two stitches (5 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 5 loops, ch 1 to close the star (first Star Stitch made).



To make the remaining star stitches of the round - Draw up a loop in the ch-1 space, draw up a loop in the same space that the previous star finished, draw up a loop in the **Back Loop** of each of the next two stitches (5 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 5 loops, ch 1 to close the star.



**\*IMPORTANT\*** - When you get to the end of the Round it will look like you are short one stitch, but this was done on purpose. If the last star was made the same way as the other stitches you would end up with a large gap in the seam. So you will make the last loop of the final Star Stitch in the join space of the previous round. Slip stitch in the top of the first Star Stitch to join. The next Round of HDC will be worked in the Ch-1 spaces only and will complete the Star Stitch.



Button Tab Placement: Using the yarn tail, sew the button tab to the inside of the boot cuff. I used the loops on the back of the hdc stitches as a guide. Fold the tab over the top of the cuff and secure in place by sewing the button through both layers of the tab and the boot cuff.



### **Instructions for Star Stitch Boot Cuffs**

\*Please read notes before you begin\*

**Button Tab** (make 2): Ch 8, dc in 3rd chain from hook, dc in each chain to end, make 7 dc in last chain – *working the other side of the chain,* dc in each chain back to start, chain 2, sl st into the same chain as last dc, fasten off, leaving a lengthy tail for attaching to the boot cuff. See previous page for placement.

**Extra Small** (10"- 12") • Finished Circumference = 10" • Finished Height = 6.5"

Row 1: Ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each chain across, turn (11)
Row 2: Ch 1, *in back loops only*, sc in first stitch and each stitch across, turn (11)
Row 3 - 32: Repeat Row 2 --- (After Row 11 your work should measure approx. 3" x 3")
Bring the ends of the cuff together and join by slip stitching through the Back Loops of Row 32 and the corresponding stitches of the beginning chain. The top of the cuff will be worked in joined rounds; do not turn your work. Round 1 is worked in the ends of the rows.
Round 1: Ch 1, in first row \*make 2 sc, sc in next 7 rows\* repeat between \* to end, sl st to join in first sc (36)
Round 2: Ch 2, *in back loops only*, work Star Stitch around (see tutorial photos), join in top of first Star Stitch (18 Stars)
Round 3: Ch 1, make 2 hdc in each ch-1 space around, join in first hdc (36)
Round 8: Ch 1, *in back loops only*, sc in each stitch around, join in first sc (36)

**Small** (12"- 14") • Finished Circumference = 12" • Finished Height = 6.5"

Row 1: Ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each chain across, turn (11)
Row 2: Ch 1, *in back loops only*, sc in first stitch and each stitch across, turn (11)
Row 3 - 36: Repeat Row 2 --- (After Row 11 your work should measure approx. 3" x 3")
Bring the ends of the cuff together and join by slip stitching through the Back Loops of Row 36 and the corresponding stitches of the beginning chain. The top of the cuff will be worked in joined rounds; do not turn your work. Round 1 is worked in the ends of the rows.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, in first row \*make 2 sc, sc in next 8 rows\* repeat between \* to end, sl st to join in first sc (40)

**Round 2:** Ch 2, *in back loops only*, work Star Stitch around (see tutorial photos), join in top of first Star Stitch (20 Stars)

Round 3: Ch 1, make 2 hdc in each ch-1 space around, join in first hdc (40)

Round 4 to Round 7: Repeat Rounds 2 & 3

Round 8: Ch 1, in back loops only, sc in each stitch around, join in first sc (40)

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**Medium** (14"- 16") • Finished Circumference = 14" • Finished Height = 6.5"

Row 1: Ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each chain across, turn (11) Row 2: Ch 1, *in back loops only*, sc in first stitch and each stitch across, turn (11) Row 3 - 40: Repeat Row 2 --- (After Row 11 your work should measure approx. 3" x 3") Bring the ends of the cuff together and join by slip stitching through the Back Loops of Row 40 and the corresponding stitches of the beginning chain. The top of the cuff will be worked in joined rounds; do not turn your work. Round 1 is worked in the ends of the rows. Round 1: Ch 1, in first row \*make 2 sc, sc in next 9 rows\* repeat between \* to end, sl st to join in first sc (44)

**Round 2:** Ch 2, *in back loops only*, work Star Stitch around (see tutorial photos), join in top of first Star Stitch (22 Stars)

Round 3: Ch 1, make 2 hdc in each ch-1 space around, join in first hdc (44)

Round 4 to Round 7: Repeat Rounds 2 & 3

Round 8: Ch 1, in back loops only, sc in each stitch around, join in first sc (44)

Large (16"- 18") • Finished Circumference = 16" • Finished Height = 6.5"

Row 1: Ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each chain across, turn (11)
Row 2: Ch 1, *in back loops only*, sc in first stitch and each stitch across, turn (11)
Row 3 - 44: Repeat Row 2 --- (After Row 11 your work should measure approx. 3" x 3")
Bring the ends of the cuff together and join by slip stitching through the Back Loops of Row 44 and the corresponding stitches of the beginning chain. The top of the cuff will be worked in

joined rounds; do not turn your work. Round 1 is worked in the ends of the rows.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, in first row \*make 2 sc, sc in next 10 rows\* repeat between \* to end, sl st to join in first sc (48)

**Round 2:** Ch 2, *in back loops only*, work Star Stitch around (see tutorial photos), join in top of first Star Stitch (24 Stars)

Round 3: Ch 1, make 2 hdc in each ch-1 space around, join in first hdc (48)

Round 4 to Round 7: Repeat Rounds 2 & 3

Round 8: Ch 1, in back loops only, sc in each stitch around, join in first sc (48)

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