

Bonny baby booties

(matching mittens and hat available)

Accessories for babies make great gifts and are quick to knit using small amounts of left-over yarn. These use two shades of DK weight yarn, although you could, of course, knit the whole bootie in the same colour.

Size

To fit baby aged 0-3 (3-6, 6-12) months

Materials

Approx 16 (18, 20) m / 18 (20, 222) yds double knitting yarn in colour A for cuff

Approx 45 (50, 54) m / 49 (54, 60) yds double knitting yarn in colour B for foot

3.25 mm (UK10, US3) needles, pair (optional)

3.25 mm (UK10, US3) dpns, set of four

3.75 mm (UK9, US5) dpns, set of five

Beg of rnd marker (optional)

Tapestry needle

Tension/Gauge

25 sts and 33 rows to 10cm on 3 ¾ mm needles.

Note about yarn choice

The samples here were made using King Cole Merino Blend DK in shades 46 (Aran) and 1989 (Truffle). This is a pure wool, anti-tickle, machine washable yarn ideal for babies. The pattern is suitable for any double knitting weight yarn, and there are many DK baby yarns available in a variety of fibres and colours.

Knitting in the round vs knitting flat

Parts of these booties are knitted flat and parts are knit in the round, using garter stitch and stocking stitch

Garter stitch

Knit flat – every row knit

Knit round – knit one round, purl one round

Stocking stitch

Knit flat – knit one row, purl one row

Knit round – every round knit



Abbreviations

Beg	Beginning
Col	Colour
Dec	Decrease
g st	Garter stitch
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit 2 together
M1L	Make 1 left by inserting the needle from front to back under the loop that lies between the next 2 stitches and knitting it through the back loop
M1R	Make 1 right by inserting the needle from back to front under the loop that lies between the next 2 stitches and knitting it through the front loop
P	Purl
PUK	Pick up and knit
rnd	Round
ssk	Slip, slip, knit. Slip next 2 sts knitwise one at a time. Pass the same 2 sts back to the left hand needle together, then knit them together through the back loops
St st	Stocking (stockinette) stitch
st(s)	Stitch(es)

Bootees

Cuff (garter stitch knit flat then in the round)

Using 3 ¼ mm needles and col A cast on 24 (26, 28). You can use straight needles or two of your DPNs.

Knit four rows.

Increase row: K1, M1R, knit to last st, M1L, K1. 26 (28, 30) sts

Knit three rows.

Repeat increase row. 28 (30, 32) sts

Knit three rows

Arrange your stitches on three DPNs and with the **wrong** side facing join to work in the round. Beg with a purl row, work 4 rnds in g st.

Break col A.

Right bootee only

Slip the last 7 (7, 8) sts from the previous rnd to the left hand needle. This is your new beg of rnd.

Left bootee only

Slip the first 7 (7, 8) sts from the left to the right hand needle. This is your new beg of rnd.

Cont for both bootees (st st in the round)

Join col B and work 8 (9, 10) rnds in st st.

Change to 3 ¼ mm needles and work 2 rnds st st.

Instep (st st knit flat)

Knit 19 (20, 22) Turn. Purl 10 (10, 12).

Working on these 10 (10, 12) sts only, work 6 rows in st st.

Dec row: K1, ssk, K to last 2 sts, K2tog, K1. 8 (8, 10) sts

Purl one row



Repeat dec row. 6 (6, 8) sts

Foot (st st in the round)

Note: A fifth DPN might be useful for this section.

With RS facing PUK 7 sts along side of instep, then PUK 1 st from the gap between the instep and the rest of the knitting. Knit round to other side of instep.

PUK 1 st from the gap between the instep and the rest of the knitting, then PUK 7 sts from the side of the instep. Knit to the end of the round. 40 (42, 44) sts

Work 2 (3, 4) rnds in st st

Sole (g st in the round)

Rnd 1: Purl

Rnd 2: K2, ssk, K12 (13, 14), ssk, K4, K2tog, K12 (13, 14), K2tog, K2. 36 (38, 40) sts

Rnd 3: Purl

Rnd 4: K2, ssk, K10 (11, 12), ssk, K4, K2tog, K10 (11, 12), K2tog, K2. 32 (34, 36) sts

Rnd 5: Purl

Rnd 4: K2, ssk, K8 (9, 10), ssk, K4, K2tog, K8 (9, 10), K2tog, K2. 28 (30, 32) sts

To finish

It is recommended to finish the bootee by grafting the live sts. There is an excellent video by Roxanne Richardson

on how to graft garter stitch here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r28mXyTBT-w>. Instructions for grafting garter stitch in the round start at 11 mins 49 secs.

Alternatively:

- Turn the bootee inside out and use a three-needle cast off to join the edges of the sole
- Cast off all sts and seam the edges together

Weave in all ends and block.

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