

Baby Ballerinas - Baby Booties for Newborns

by Strickhasi (Translation by Pat Zielinski)

Finished booties are about 4 inches long.

There are 2 options for yarn:

A: 100% Merino Wool in pink and a small amount in white; total amount needed is about 30 grams; length about 130 to 150 meters or 145 to 170 yards

Gauge: 27 sts x 37 rows = 4 inches using 3.5 mm needle (US 4).

B: 100% Cotton yarn in pink and white; total of 30 grams; length about 125 meters/ 140 yds.

Gauge: 26 sts x 36 rows = 4 inches using 3.0 mm needles (US 3).

Knitting needles 3.5 mm (or 3 mm)

2 Buttons

I knit using one long circular needle (Magic Loop Method), the booties are knit in the round and have no seams to sew. Half the booties sts are on the needles while the other half rest on the cable.

Sole:

With pink yarn CO 18 sts, knit 1 row. Pick up 18 sts from the cast on row. Knit 1 round. (See note from Pat about using Judy's Magic cast on).

Odd Rounds: knit

Even Rounds: purl

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10: purl

Round 3: *K 1, M 1, K 16, M 1, K 1;* repeat

Round 5: *K 2, M 1, K 16, M 1, K 2;* repeat

Round 7: *K 3, M 1, K 16, M 1, K 3;* repeat

Round 9: *K 4, M 1, K 16, M 1, K 4;* repeat

Round 11: * K 5, M 1, K 16, M 1, K 5;* repeat

The M 1 stitches are done by picking up the strand (bar) between the stitches and knitting it twisted to close up the hole.

All increases have been made. Each needle has 28 sts for a total of 56 sts.

Now work 10 rounds of Half Brioche Stitch:

Round 1: * P 1, yf sl 1 yo; * repeat

Round 2: * P1, K 1; * repeat

Work yf sl 1 yo by bringing the working yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip next stitch purlwise, then bring th yo over the needle and over the slipped stitch to the back and into position to work the next stitch.

The slipped stitch/yo is considered ONE STITCH on round 2 you P 1, K 1 together with the yo.

After the 10 rounds of Half Brioche Stitch you change yarn colors by dropping the pink yarn (DO NOT CUT) and add the white, crossing it with the pink. Start decreases:

Round 1: with White Knit

Rounds 2, 4, and 6: purl

Round 3: K 20, K 2 tog x 4 now do the reverse on second half - k 2 tog x 4, K 20 (24 sts/ needle 48 sts total)

Round 5: there are 2 options

Option 1: K 20, K 2 tog x 2, K 2 tog x 2, K 20

OR

Option 2: make holes for I Cord

K 1, YO, K 2 tog, YO, K 2 tog, K 15, K 2 tog x 2, K 2 tog x 2, K 15, K 2 tog, YO, K 2 tog, YO, K 1. (22 sts/ needle 44 sts total)

Round 7: With Pink Knit

Round 8: cast off knitwise in pink.

I Cord: CO 3 sts and knit on dpn's to length desired. Weave through holes at back of bootie. You could probably use ribbon instead of I Cord (This last section added by Pat).

From Strickhasi: I hope these directions are easy to understand. Have lots of fun knitting the booties. Please contact me if you have questions or find any errors.

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Note from Pat: I used the Judy's Magic cast on and purlled one round then started with the actual first round - knit. I noticed that knitting the first round left a stockinette dip in the middle of the sole.

