

Bundles of Love ('BOL') Booties

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One of my favorite things to knit for 'Bundles of Love', a charity for newborns in crisis, is the Cardigan in Nashua Handknits book 'Bloom'. These booties were designed to match it. Knit in the round on circular needles using the Magic Loop Method, there is only one final seam to graph together using Kitchener stitch, creating a completely seamless bootie to maximize comfort on those tender little brand-new feet!

SIZE: 0-3 months

MATERIALS

Filatura Di Crosa 'Baby Zarella' (worsted 52% fine superwash merino wool, 48% acrylic), color #2 lime: 1 ball*

US Size 7 (4.5mm) 40" circular needle or size needed to get gauge

1 meter of ribbon – 1/4" to 3/8" wide

Tapestry needle

* You will use about 50 yards, less than half of the ball.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4" in stockinette st using US 7 needles

NOTE

This pattern is for knitters already familiar with the magic loop method and assumes the knitter has an intermediate level of experience, including how to pick up stitches and how to perform the Kitchener stitch for graphing seams closed.

ABBREVIATIONS

ssk = slip slip knit; **tbl** = through back loop; **yo** = yarn over, **K2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **kbf** = knit into front and back of st

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BOOTIE (Make 2)

Cast on 24 sts and join in the round, being careful not to twist sts and distributing sts evenly (12 sts on each needle).

Work 7 rounds of garter st, starting and ending with a knit round.

Work 4 rounds of K1P1 rib.

Next Round: Knit

Next Round: Purl

Next Round: Knit

Next Round (eyelet round): *K1, yo, K2tog* 4 times, then *K2tog, yo, K1* 4 times

Next Round: Knit

Next Round: Purl

Inc Round: K7, Kfb, K7, Kfb, K8 = 26 sts

Knit 2 rounds.

Top Of Foot (Note: You will be working back and forth for this section, not in the round)

Knit 18 sts. Turn.

Redistribute sts as follows:

With WS facing you, pull left needle so the sts just worked slide together. Now pull the cord up between the 8th and 9th sts, leaving 10 sts on left needle.

Row 1: Purl tbl of first st. P9. Turn.

Row 2: Knit tbl of first st. K9. Turn.

(Note: Working tbl of the first st 'twists' it and is optional. But I've found doing so helps 'anchor' the yarn at the beginning of a row and creates much more even stockinette st.)

Repeat Rows 1-2 three more times.

Repeat Row 1 once more.

Sides of Bootie

Resume working in the round!

NOTE: The current division of your sts places the toe and left side of bootie on the left needle; the right side of bootie on your right needle. **Consider the current placement of your sts as THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUND from this point forward.** (It's the RIGHT corner of the toe.)

Next Round: K2tog, K6, ssk, pick up 8 sts along left side, knit remaining 8 sts on left needle, knit 8 sts on right needle, pick up 8 sts along right side = 40 sts

Work 5 more round in Knit st.

Next Round: Knit to last st on round and slip this st to the left needle WITHOUT WORKING IT. (Using magic loop, all you are really doing is pulling the left needle so that the st slides backwards near the rest.)

Shape sole

First Dec round: K2tog, K6, K2tog, K10, K2tog, Knit last 3 sts on left needle, K3 sts on right needle, K2tog, K10 = 36 sts.

Next Round: Knit

Second Dec Round: *K2tog 4 times, K10* twice = 28 sts

Redistribute sts at toe evenly between needles

K2tog and slip this st next to others on right by pulling the right hand needle.

K2tog and replace resulting st back onto left needle = 26 sts (13 sts on each needle)

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving about 18" tail. Using Kitchener st, graph the sole together, treating the LAST 2 STS ON EACH needle as a single st when graphing. (This essentially reduces the sts once more and helps the sole lay flat.)

Weave in ends. Cut ribbon in half. Feed ribbons through the eyelets in each bootie and tie.

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