

Seamless Cable Booties

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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!

EXPERIENCE: 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 cable, to pick up stitches, and how to perform the Kitchener stitch for graphing seams closed.

SIZE: 0-3 months

MATERIALS

Filatura Di Crosa 'Baby Zarella' (worsted 52% fine superwash merino wool, 48% acrylic), color #4 yellow: 1 ball*

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

Cable needle (cn)

1 meter of ribbon – 1/4" to 3/8" wide

** You will use about 50 yards of yarn. I've also knit this pattern using various DK- weight yarns with equal success.*

GAUGE: 19 sts = 4" in stockinette st using US 7 needles

NOTE: The pattern instructions will not specify **right-leaning** vs **left-leaning** cable sts. Knit one bootie of each kind to create mirror-image cables between the booties.

STITCHES and TERMS

C4 (Cable 4) = slip next 2 sts to cn and hold to the [FRONT of work for a right-leaning cable / BACK of work for a left-leaning cable], K2, K2 from cn)

K1fb = knit into front and back of next st

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

ssk (slip slip knit) = slip 1 st knitwise two times, transfer these 2 sts back to left needle, K2tog through back loops

tbl = through back loop

yo = yarn over

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BOOTIE (Make 2)

Cuff

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

Rounds 1-7: Work 7 rounds of garter st, starting and ending with a knit round.

Rounds 8-11: Work 4 rounds of K1P1 rib.

Round 12: Knit

Round 13: Purl

Round 14: Knit

Round 15 (eyelet rnd): *K1, yo, K2tog* 4 times, then *K2tog, yo, K1* 4 times

Round 16: Knit

Round 17: Purl

Round 18 (inc rnd): K7, K1fb 2 times, K5, K1fb 2 times, K8 = 28 sts

Round 19 (1st cable rnd): K10, P2, C4, P2, K10

Round 20: K10, P2, K4, P2, K10

Top of Foot

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

Next Row: K10, P2, K4, P2, K2. 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 12 sts on left needle.

Row 1(WS): Purl tbl* of first st, P1, K2, P4, K2, P2. Turn.

Row 2 (cable rnd): Knit tbl* of first st, K1, P2, C4, P2, K2. Turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1.

Row 4: Knit tbl* of first st, K1, P2, K4, P2, K2. Turn.

Rows 5-12: Repeat Rows 1-4 twice more.

Rows 13: Repeat Row 1 once more.

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

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 where the 'pinky toe' is on the right foot.)

Round 1 (cable AND dec row): K2tog, K2, slip 2 sts to cn and hold to FRONT/BACK (whatever you've been doing so far), K2tog, knit 2 sts on cn together, K2, ssk, pick up 8 sts along left side, K8 (pull needle at this point, if necessary, to separate the sts between needles right here), K8, pick up 8 sts along right side = 40 sts

Rounds 2-6: Knit

Round 7: K39, slip remaining 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 near the others on the left needle.)

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 decreases the sts once more in the heel 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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