

Baby Booties Oscar

I recommend to knit first a pair using sock yarn – you will get a pair which will fit a newborn. If you use a slightly thicker yarn the booties will fit 3-6 month old toddlers. And if you'll change the number of stitches you can finally make any size you want.

The booties are worked in open work and finally sewn together.

Material:

- Left overs from sock yarn (about 20g per pair)
- 1 Double pointed needles to match the yarn (or even 1 circular needle)

Abbreviations:

kfb – knit in front and back of the stitch

skp – slip the next stitch, knit the next stitch and pass the slipped stitch over

Instruction:

- Cast on 36 stitches
- Row 1 and 2: knit
- Row 3: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 2./18./19./35 (= 40 stitches)
- Row 4 and all even rows: knit
- Row 5: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 3./19./22./38 = 44 stitches
- Row 7: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 4./20./25./41 = 48 stitches
- Row 9: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 5./21./28./44 = 52 stitches
- Row 11: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 6./22./31./47 = 56 stitches
- Row 13: knit, kfb in the following stitches: 7./23./34./50 = 60 stitches
- Rows 15-26: knit all 60 stitches (without increasing)
- Row 27: knit 35 stitches, skp, **turn**
- Row 28: slip the next stitch with yarn in front, knit 10 stitches, purl 2 stitches together, **turn**
- Row 29: slip the next stitch with yarn in back, knit 10 stitches, skp, **turn**
- Row 28 and 29 have to be repeated until you have only 15 stitches left on both sides. You knit only the middle 10 stitches.
- You are finished if you have 42 stitches left on your needles.
- Now knit for 10 more rows over all 42 stitches
- Next row: *knit 2 stitches together, yarn over* repeat (this make a row of holes to hold a ribbon).

Now decide about the look – for the boyish version:

- Knit 6 more rows, cast off and you're done.

For the girlie version:

- knit one row
- next row: *knit, kfb* repeat this
- knit 3 rows
- Now the special cast-off row follows:
knit 2 stitches, bring the stitch back to the left needle, knit 2 stitches out of this last stitch, cast off 5 stitches
- Weave in all threads and close the bootie by sewing – trust me, you will see what you have to do!