

## *Basic Baby Bootie Knitting Pattern*

This is my favourite baby bootie pattern. It is a basic pattern which is knitted from the sole of the bootie to the top, so it has minimal shaping.

This pattern will create booties suitable for most babies between 6 - 12 months providing you knit with the standard tension for 4 ply wool. but it can be used to make a variety of different sizes, simply by adjusting your needle size.

If you want a smaller size use 3.00 mm or 2.75 mm needles instead of 3.25 mm.



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### **Shape Sole**

Using 3.25mm needles and 4 ply yarn cast on 35 sts.

**1st row:** K1, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k14, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k1, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k14, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k1.

**2nd row:** Knit all sts.

**3rd row:** K1, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k16, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k1, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k16, knit into the front and the back of the next st, k1.

**4th row:** Knit all sts.

Continue increasing in this manner until there are 24 sts between increases.

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*Knit 10 rows in stocking stitch*

### **Shape Instep**

**Next row:** K33, k2 tog, turn.

**Next row:** Sl 1, K8, k2 tog, turn.

Repeat last row until there are 14 stitches on either side of instep.

**Next row:** Sl 1, K8, k2 tog, knit to end.

### **Shape Top**

**Next row:** K1, \*y fwd, k2 tog, repeat from \* to last stitch, k1.

**Next row:** Purl to end.

*Knit 10 rows in stocking stitch*

*Knit 4 rows in garter stitch*

Cast off loosely.

Make second bootie to match.

## *Modifying the Basic Pattern*

If you would like to modify the pattern to create your own design or perhaps to match a cardigan or a matinee jacket that you are making, you have a number of options.

Your first option is to incorporate a different knitting stitch pattern into your bootie in the two stocking stitch sections, and across the nine stitches of the instep.

Your knitting stitch pattern could be a textured pattern, like a moss stitch or you could use a simple lace pattern. You need to choose a knitting stitch pattern that has a small number of stitches and one that is less than 10 rows long.

Or you can alter the actual pattern to create a different effect, for example a **Roll Top** can be made by substituting the last 10 rows of stocking stitch with 4 rows of K1, P1 rib and 4 rows of garter stitch.

A **Slipper Top** is slightly more difficult than a roll top, but can be done.