

Baby Booties

Gauge over Stockinette: 6 Sts/8 Rows per inch

These booties have an unusual construction. Please read through the instructions before starting.

The booties are started at the top and worked down. An eyelet row will allow a ribbon or Icord for securing to the baby's foot. After the eyelet row, the outer stitches are placed on hold and only the center cable panel is worked.

Stitches are then picked up on both sides of the center panel and the sides and toe are worked. I've given two options for picking up the second side, use the one you're most comfortable with. Booties are seamed in the middle of the sole and down the center back.

Slip all stitches as if to purl unless otherwise noted.

ABBREVIATIONS:

CO: Cast On

BO: Bind Off

STS: Stitches

K: Knit

P: Purl

YO: Yarn Over

K2tog: Knit next two stitches together

SSK: Slip 1 stitch as if to knit. Slip 1 stitch as if to purl. Insert left needle tip into 2 stitches just slipped and knit them through the back.

Stockinette: K right side rows, P wrong side rows.

K2P2 Ribbing: Worked on a multiple of 4 stitches. *K2, P2. Repeat from *.

3 Stitch ICord: CO 3 sts. Knit them, DO NOT TURN. *Slip sts back to left needle. Pull yarn across back of work and knit across. Repeat from * to desired length. BO.

BEGIN PATTERN

CO 32

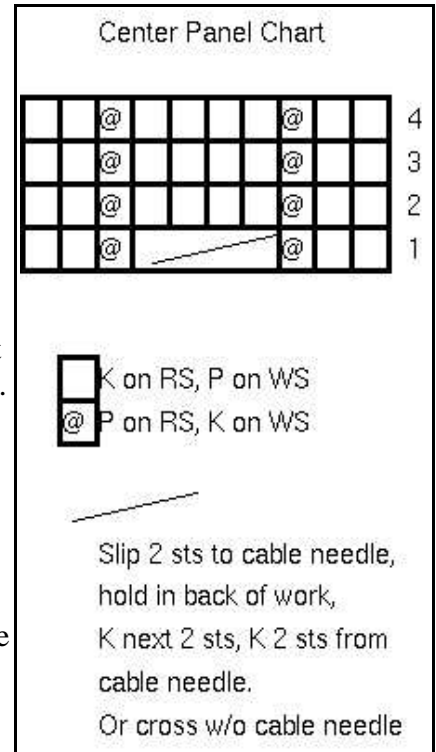
CUFF:

Work K2P2 ribbing for 12 rows.

EYELET:

K 1 row, decreasing 3 stitches evenly spaced. (29 sts)

Purl 1 row.



K1, *yo, k2tog across.

P12, K1, P into front and back of next stitch, P2, K1, P 12. (30 sts)

CENTER PANEL:

K 10. Slip the 10 sts just worked to a holder. Work row 1 of cable panel. Slip remaining 10 sts to another holder.

Turn, and work row 2 of center panel over 10 sts.

Work center panel over these 10 stitches 4 times. Work rows 1-3 one more time, DO NOT TURN. (Total 19 rows of center panel)

BOOTIE SIDES:

Pick up 9 sts along left side of center panel. The two knit stitches on the outer edge of the panel will let you pick up neatly between them, leaving a ridge of knit stitches along the top of the foot. Knit across 10 sts from holder. (29 sts on needle)

Turn and purl across, maintaining center panel as established.

Knitters Choice:

a) Using a spare needle and new strand of yarn, with right side facing, pick up 9 sts along right side of center panel. Break new strand. Return to purl row, and purl stitches just picked up.
OR

b) Turn work and from the right side pick up 9 sts along right side of center panel. Turn work back to purl side.

Purl 10 sts from right holder. (48 sts)

SIDES OF FOOT/TOE

Work as established for 8 rows, continuing center panel pattern.

BOTTOM SHAPING:

K2tog, K to center panel and ssk (purl stitch and first stitch of center cabled stitches), K2, k2tog (last stitch of center cabled stitches and next purl stitch), K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (44 sts)

Purl across.

K2tog, K 17, SSK, K2tog twice, K to last 2 sts, K2tog. (39 sts)

BO in perl, and leave a long enough tail to sew seam down sole of foot. Sew sole shut. Using tail from cast on, seam down center back.

Weave in ends.

Weave ribbon or 3 Stitch Icord thorough eyelet row, if desired.