

Blue Jeans Booties

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A quick and easy newborn-size baby bootie pattern designed for fingering weight sock yarns in variegated blues and grays. If you'd like bigger booties (say 6-9 month size), you could experiment with a sport-weight yarn and the appropriate sized needles.

Finished Size:

To fit newborn – 3 months (approx. 3.5” from heel to toe)

Materials:

Schachenmayr nomotta Regia Jacquard Color 4-ply (Col. 5275); less than ¼ skein; or equivalent fingering/sock yarn

1 pair US 1 (2.25mm) straight needles

1 large-eyed tapestry needle

¼” blue ribbon (less than 1 yd) to tie booties

Gauge:

About 30 sts to 4 inches: gauge is not critical to these, but it will affect the finished size of the booties.

Abbreviations:

inc – increase by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch

k2tog – knit next 2 stitches together

p2tog – purl next 2 stitches together

st(s) – stitch(es)

tbs – through back of stitch(es)

yo – yarn around needle

Pattern:

Sole

Using your preferred cast on (I use the long-tail for these), cast on 51 sts.

Rows 1-6: work in garter stitch (every row knit).

Row 7 (increase): k1, inc, k2, inc, k1, inc, k2, inc, k1 (55 sts).

Rows 8 & 10: work in garter stitch.

Row 9 (increase): k1, inc, k2, inc, k1, inc, k2, inc, k1 (59 sts).

Rows 11 – 20: work in garter stitch.

Instep

Row 1: k3, k2tog tbs, turn.

Row 2: p6, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: k7, k2tog tbs, turn.

Row 4: p8, p2tog, turn.

Row 5: k9, k2tog tbs, turn.

Row 6: p10, p2tog, turn.

Row 7: k10, k2tog tbs, turn.

Continue instep as above (decreasing and turning after knitting or purling 10 sts each time), until 43 sts remain (16 sts either side of instep sts).

Next row: k10, k2tog tbs, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Next row: p24 (to last st of instep sts), p2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog (41 sts).

Cuff

Row 1: work in rib: p1, k1; rep. to last st, p1.

Row 2: work in rib: k1, p1; rep. to last st, k1

Row 3: make ribbon holes: k2, *yo, k2tog, repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: purl.

Rows 5 and 6: repeat rows 1 and 2.

Rows 7-17: work in garter stitch.

Cast off loosely (on the wrong side), leaving enough of a tail to sew the seam.

Finishing:

Using the yarn tail left, sew the seam, then turn the bootie out the right way.

Thread the ribbon through the ribbon holes and tie firmly (you can put a couple of stitches through the center of the bow using blue sewing cotton if you are worried about the ribbon coming loose or untied).

Put the booties in a gift bag and be prepared for rave reviews ☺

Safety:

Make sure all trim on booties is firmly tied/sewn/attached as ribbons, pompons, jingle bells, beads, buttons, etc. may present a choking hazard - adult supervision is recommended while babies are wearing booties with any embellishments.

Care:

Hand wash recommended (remove ribbon first!); dry flat.

Tip:

If you want your booties to look like a matched pair, make a note of what stage of the variegated pattern in the yarn you start with for the first bootie. Try to match this for the second. If you like randomness, just cast on without a care!