

Owl booties



Materials:

Fingering weight yarn in one or two colours (two colours if the sole is being knit in cc).

2 sets of dpns size 3 mm or size needed to obtain gauge.

Cn/ or dpn

2 Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

20 Seed beads or a small amount/scrap of a dark coloured yarn for owl eyes

Optional: Satin Ribbons for ties. It is also possible to make the ribbons, look under "finishing" at the end of the pattern.

Gauge: about 28 sts = 10 cm in stockinette stitches.

Size: 3-6 months

The finished sole measures about 10,5-11 cm.

Skill level: Easy-intermediate

Abbreviations:

C4B - Sl 2 sts onto cable needle. Hold to back of work, k the next 2 sts, then k the 2 sts from the cable needle.

C4F - Sl 2 sts onto cable needle. Hold to front of work, k the next 2 sts, then k the 2 sts from the cable needle.

CC =contrasting colour

Cn = cable needle

Co = Cast on

Dpns = double pointed needles

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

K = Knit

Ndl(s) =Needle(s)

P = Purl

Rep = repeat

RS = right side

Rnd = Round

Sl = Slip

Ss = stockinette st

SSK = slip, slip, knit: Slip 1 stitch as to knit, slip 2nd stitch as to knit, insert left needle in front of the 2 stitches and knit together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

Yo = yarn over

! The owl charts can be found at the end of the pattern. !

Please read through the pattern before casting on.

Cuff

Co 44 sts on 4 dpns (11 sts at each ndl), place marker and join for working in the round.

Rnd 1- 3: (p1, k8, p2) 4 times.

The owls (chart A):

Rnd 4) (p1, C4F, C4B, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 5-6) (p1, k8, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 7-8) (p1, k1, p2, k2, p2, k1, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 9) (p1, k8, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 10) rep. Rnd. 4

Rnd 11-17) (p1, k8, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 18) Rep. Rnd 4

Rnd 19-21) (p1, k8, p2) 4 times.

Rnd 22) (Ribbon eyelet) (yo, k2tog) 22 times

Rnd 23- 25) Work in ss.

Remove marker at the end of rnd. 25.

Instep

Redistribute sts

Ndl 1: 11 sts

Ndl 2: 11 sts

Ndl 3: 10 sts

Ndl 4: 12 sts.

The last 12 sts on needle 4 will be worked over for instep.

Row 1(WS)) Turn, sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn.

Row 2) Sl st, p1, k8, p2, turn.

Row 3) Sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn.

Make the instep owl (Chart B):

Row 4) Sl st, p1, C4F, C4B, p2. turn

Row 5) Sl st, k1, p8, k2. turn

Row 6) Sl st, p1, k8, p2. turn

Row 7) Sl st, k1, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, turn

Row 8) Sl st, p1, k1, p2, k2, p2, k1, p2, turn

Row 9) Sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn

Row 10) Sl st, p1, C4F, C4B, p2, turn

Row 11) Sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn

Row 12) Sl st, p1, k8, p2, turn

Row 13-16) Rep rnd 10-11 twice

Row 17) Sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn

Row 18) Sl st, p1, C4F, C4B, p2, turn

Row 19) Sl st, k1, p8, k2, turn

Row 20) Sl st, p1, k8, p2, **do not turn.**



Sides of foot:

Rnd 1) Pick up 12 sts along the first side of the instep, k the next 32 sts, then pick up 12 sts along the second side of the instep (= 68 sts in total)

Rnd 2) K13, place marker B, k54, place marker A (marker A is the start of the rnd). There should now be 14 sts between marker A and marker B at the front of the bootie.

Work in stockinette over all the 68 sts for about 3-4 cm.

K the 14 sts between marker A and marker B, bind off the next 54 sts (not too tightly). There are now 14 live sts left on the needle. These 14 sts will be used to work the sole.

Sole

Want the sole to be in cc? Change to cc now.

The sole is worked in garter st.

Row 1 (RS)) Sl 1, k13

Row 2) Sl 1, k13

Work rnd 1 and 2 for about 9 -9,5 cm.

Start decreasing for the heel

Sl 1, k1, SSK, k6, k2tog, k2. (= 12 sts)

K all sts

Sl 1, k1, SSK, k4, k2tog, k2. (= 10 sts)

K all sts

Sl 1, k1, SSK, k2, k2tog, k2. (= 8 sts)

K all sts

Bind off the last 8 sts

Break yarn, leaving about an 8-10 -inch tail.

Finishing:

Sew seed beads as eyes onto the owls. It is also possible to sew on dark yarn as eyes to avoid any choking hazard.

Turn the bootie inside out, and sew the sole to the rest of the bootie.

Weave in ends.

Make an I-cord/ a twisted chain, crochet a single chain or use satin ribbons for ties.

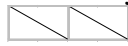




Chart A – owls on leg

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Chart B – instep owl

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Chart Key

-  C4F
-  C4B
-  K
-  P
-  Sl st

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