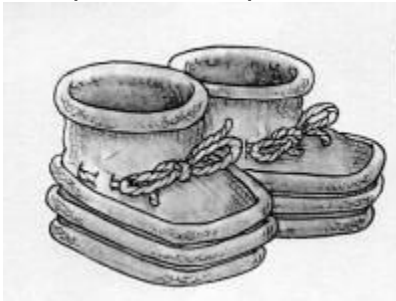


Christine's Baby Booties

This pattern was published in Threads no 22 (April 89) in a letter to the editor from Christine Bourquin. She was at the time 95 and living in Redwood City CA, still knitting, and expressed the desire to have her pattern live on. As Christine would be 114 today, we can only hope that she's still around, but perhaps she's not able to see well enough to still make them. Christine's legacy is this pattern for booties that stay on because of the clever side ribbing, and as we all know keeping booties on babies is not a straightforward task...



Materials:

- 50g fingering yarn. Washable!
- Double-pointed needles, size 0 or 1 (2 if you knit very tightly). A set of 5 needles (rather than the standard US 4) is much preferable to knit this design easily.
- Ribbon for ties if you like.

Cast on 10 stitches and knit 18 ridges (36 rows) of garter stitch for the sole.

Leave the 10 stitches on one needle

On a second needle, pick up 10 stitches at the cast-on edge.

Pick up 18 stitches along each side on two more needles...56 stitches in all.

Be careful to keep working around in the same direction.

Purl 4 rounds

Knit 4 rounds

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To shape the toe at one of the 10-stitch ends, knit and purl short rows back and forth. Work the 10th stitch together with the closest stitch on the adjacent 18-stitch needle at the end of each row. Slip the 10th stitch to the RH needle purlwise, then back onto the 18-stitch needle. Knit or purl the first 2 stitches on the 18-stitch needle together. Then turn and work back across the 10 toe stitches to the other side. Do this 16 times (decrease 8 stitches per side).

Knit around the 40 stitches at the ankle for 3 rounds. To prevent a hole at the end of the 1st round, pick up 1 extra stitch and knit it together with the 1st stitch on the 2nd round. Make eyelets for the ties on the 4th round: *K2, yo, k2tog* 10 times.

Finally, knit 22 rounds, and bind off. Thread crocheted yarn ties or ribbon through the eyelets.