



Baby Schuhe

Both my mother and grandmother before her knitted these baby booties whenever the occasion arose, and eventually my Mom showed me how to make them. There has never been a written pattern, so I thought I would honor my Mama and Oma by writing it up and giving it a German title (which means *Baby Booties*), so they could leave their mark in our knitting community.

These instructions are very basic, fast to knit, and very versatile. You can add any kind of pattern or multiple colors to it, and it is great for using up leftover yarn. I always try to be considerate and use washable yarn: Parents of infants have their hands full enough with the new bundle without the additional burden of handwashing baby booties. ;-)

Yarn (for the featured pair):

Bernat Cottontots (approx. 50 yds of main color and some leftover contrasting color to crochet around the top edge and to make twisted cords for "Schuh" strings.)

Needles: US #3 (3.25 mm)

Abbreviations:

k knit	p purl
st stitch	st st stockinette stitch
yo yarn over	k2tog knit two together
rnd round	sl slip
pu pick up	

Instructions:

Cast on 24 sts and join into a rnd. Be careful not to twist the sts. Distribute sts evenly on 4 dpns.

Cuff:

Work 16 rows of st st (knit each rnd).
 Work an eyelet rnd: * K2tog, yo *; repeat from * to * until the end of the rnd.
 K one rnd.

Instep:

Row 1: Sl 1 purlwise, k5, turn.
 Row 2: Sl 1 purlwise, p5, turn.
 Repeat rows 1 and 2 ten more times (12 rows of instep in total).

Foot:

Row 1: K6 (6 sts of needle 1). PU 6 sts along instep, k6 sts (from needle 2). K6 (from needle 3). K6 (from needle 4), pu 6 sts along the other instep side.

Now you have the following number of sts on your needles: 6 sts on needle 1, 12 sts on needle 2, 6 sts on needle 3, 12 sts on needle 4.

K 7 more rows across all 36 sts.

Sole:

This might sound a little weird: In this step you knit together 2 sts on the end of each row to attach the sole to the sides of the foot. The beauty of this is that there is no seam to sew. (I hope these instructions make sense – if not, please let me know. Maybe there's a reason why neither Oma nor Mama ever wrote down this pattern: Too complicated to explain in writing. But let me try anyway...)

Row 1: K5, sl last st of needle 1 purlwise, knit first st of needle 2, slip sl st from needle 1 over the just knitted st of needle 2, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p4, purl last st on needle 2 together with first st on needle 4, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K4, sl last st of needle 1 purlwise, knit first st of needle 2, slip sl st from needle 1 over the just knitted st of needle 2, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until there are no more stitches on needles 2 and 4. You will have 6 sts each on needles 1 and 3. Then either turn the bootie inside out and close it up with a 3-needle bind-off, or use the Kitchener Stitch. (Optional: crochet a cute edge around the top.)

If you have any questions, leave a comment on my blog at <http://www.bavgirl.com>.

