

Bluebell Bootees - Patons Australia

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Yarn: Patons Bluebell (5 ply / sport) - less than one ball

Length: 4 1/4"

Needles: 3.00mm / US size 2.5 or 3

Tension - 14 1/2 stitches to 2" over stockinette

Abbreviation - "inc" knit twice into same stitch

Bootees

Using 3mm needles cast on 25 stitches

Row 1: "inc" knit to end

Row 2: knit

Rep. row 1 & 2 4 times [30 stitches]

Work 19 rows garter stitch

Shape front as follows-

Row 1: [wrong side] cast off 10 sts, patt to end

Row 2: knit

Row 3: K1, purl to last st, K1

Row 4,5 & 6: knit

Rep rows 3-6 incl 3 times and then rows 3-5 once

Keeping continuity of pattern, shape toe as follows -

Row 1 K2tog, pattern to end

Row 2: pattern to end

Repeat last 2 rows 4 times [15 stitches]

Row 11: pattern to end

Row 12: K1 purl to last stitch, " inc"

Row 13 knit

Repeat rows 12 and 13, 3 times and then row 12 once [20 stitches]

Row 21 , 22 & 23: knit

Row 24: K1, purl to last st, K1

Repeat rows 21 to 24 incl 3 times, then rows 21 - 23 incl once

next row - cast on 10 sts, purl across work to last st, K1 [30 stitches]

Complete other side of back of bootee, working dec. on heel to correspond with other side.



Making up :

gather around edge of striped section, pull firmly, fasten off. Using a flat seam, sew up sole and back seam.



The original pattern has a 3/4" pom-pom attached to cover the gathered section.

Susan's Modification - 8 ply

I went ahead and cast on for another pair of Bluebell booties in 8 ply [DK] on 3.75mm [US 5] needles.

Cast on 18 stitches instead of 25. Do 4 sets of increases and decreases instead of 5. 8 stitches cast off /on instead of 10 and fewer stripe repeats across. Verdict - spiffy!