

## Moonbooties

This is a retread of a pattern copied for me by my LYS from a photocopy of a 1989 Threads Magazine; it is familiar to many knitters. A 95-year-old woman named Christine Bourquin had sent it in to Threads because she didn't want the pattern to die with her, so I'm honoring her wish. I've reworked sections that were confusing to me, and I've added directions for a larger size, too. This pattern is very easy to adjust to fit your gauge, so feel confident that you can experiment until it suits your yarn and the baby you're knitting for.

**Materials:** Any fingering or sock-weight yarn and a set of 5 double-pointed needles in the appropriate size (I used US #2). You may find a small crochet hook useful to make the ties, or you can use ribbon.

Sizes given are for a newborn, with 3-6 months size in parentheses. Larger sizes can easily be created with heavier yarn and larger needles.

CO 10(12) sts.

**Work sole:** K 36(48) rows in garter stitch, or until sole measures about 3" (4"). Leave the 10(12) sts on Needle 1. With Needle 2, pick up 18(24) sts along one side. With Needle 3, pick up 10(12) sts at the cast-on edge, and with Needle 4, pick up 18(24) sts along the other side. 56(72) sts.

**Work welts for foot:** Taking care to keep working around in the same direction, P 4 rounds, K 4 rounds, P 4 rounds, K 4 rounds, P 4 rounds.

**Close up top of foot:** K back across 9(11) of the sts on N1. Slip the 10th (12th) st to N4 and knit it together with the closest st on N4, returning the new st to N1. 10(12) sts. Turn and purl back across N1, slipping the last st to N2 and purling it together with the closest N2 st. In this manner, work 16(24) rows, always keeping 10(12) sts on N1. You should have 10(12) sts left on N2 and on N4; 40(48) sts in all.

**Work ankle:** K around the 40(48) sts for the ankle. To prevent a hole at the end of the first round, pick up 1 extra st from the gap and knit it together with the 1st st on the 2nd round. Work 2 more rounds.

**Work eyelet row and cuff:** Make eyelets for the ties on the 4th round: \*K2, yo, k2tog\* 10(12) times. K 22 rounds and BO.

**Finishing:** Weave in ends. Crochet or finger-knit 2 chains of sts about 12" long each for the ties (or use ribbon) and thread through eyelets. Tie a bow at the front.