

# Afterthought Booties

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Who doesn't need a quick and cute pair of baby Booties from time to time?

Knitted from the centre outwards, a bit of origami magic transforms an unlikely looking hexagon into a cute baby bootie. Stripes, self-striping and variegated yarn all emphasise the distinctiveness of the shape and construction and these booties will wow the adults and look incredibly stylish on a new-born.

A perfect project for sock yarn or 4 ply leftovers, do be careful, you may find these a little addictive.

## Construction

These booties are knitted from the centre outwards using yarn overs to increase the number of stitches you are working with. The hexagon will then be folded and sewn up as shown in the finishing section of the pattern.

## Size

Newborn – approx 3.75 inches / 9.5cm from tip of toe to back of heel.

To make larger booties, add extra increase rounds after round 24, alternated with a knit row until the width between 2 yarn over increase sections, i.e. one of the six sides of your hexagon, matches the length of foot you wish to achieve.

## Gauge

38 stitches x 40 rows = 4 inches x 4 inches / 10cm x 10cm

## Materials & Yarn

4 ply/ fingering yarn leftovers

16g or 70 yards/64m of yarn per pair, including sewing up.

2.25mm double pointed needles/needles

Sewing up needle

## Abbreviations

K	Knit
Kfb	Knit into the front and back of the stitch
St(s)	stitch(es)
Yo	yarn over

## Directions

Cast on 9 stitches and distribute on your dpns.

**Round 1:** Join, being careful not to twist the sts and knit all the sts

**Round 2:** Kfb into each stitch = 18 st.

**Rounds 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23:** Knit.

**Round 4:** (K1, yo, k1, yo, k1)x6 = 30st.

**Round 6:** (K2, yo, k1, yo, k2)x6 = 42st.

**Round 8:** (K3, yo, k1, yo, k3)x6 = 54st.

**Round 10:** (K4, yo, k1, yo, k4)x6 = 66st.

**Round 12:** (K5, yo, k1, yo, k5)x6 = 78st.

**Round 14:** (K6, yo, k1, yo, k6)x6 = 90st.

**Round 16:** (K7, yo, k1, yo, k7)x6 = 102st.

**Round 18:** (K8, yo, k1, yo, k8)x6 = 114st.

**Round 20:** (K9, yo, k1, yo, k9)x6 = 126st.

**Round 22:** (K10, yo, k1, yo, k10)x6 = 138st.

**Round 24:** (K11, yo, k1, yo, k11)x6 = 150st.

Cast off leaving a long tail (approx 24 inches/60cm) for sewing up your bootie.

## Thank you...

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## About me...

Originally from the south coast after living in both Edinburgh, Scotland and the north west of England, I now live in Italy. These places and my love of travel find their way into my knitwear design.

Inspired by environments as diverse as the coast, mountains and cities, alongside a love of textile and ceramic design and architecture, my designs aim to marry form with function.

Mobilising the characteristics of natural materials, I like to work with texture and construction to create well thought through, crafted pieces that will be a pleasure to knit and wear.

I hope you enjoy knitting this pattern.

You can find out more and follow my journey through making and designing, with a little added gardening, cooking, and natural dyeing along with some sojourns into textile production and history all at:

[www.TessYoungDesigns.com](http://www.TessYoungDesigns.com)

### Finishing

Your 'wrinkled' hexagon will look something like this:



Firstly tidy the beginning and end of the cast off row by sewing the first and last cast off stitch together.



With right sides together, fold your bootie into an 'L' shape with you long tail for sewing young person at the centre of the base of your 'L'.



Line up the two corners of your knitting as shown by the star, then sew along the foot towards the toe in the direction shown by the arrow. This seam will run along the underside of the foot.

When you reach the corners by the star flatten the toe your underside seam will be at the centre of your flattened toe seam.



Sew along to one corner, then back to the opposite corner, and then back to the centre where you started. Then sew back along the centre of the foot over the previously sewn seam.



Continue sewing until you reach the corner at the heel, then sew up the back of the leg, stopping about 4 stitches before the yarn over corner. This will allow the top of your bootie to curl over a little. Bind off ends and turn your bootie inside out.

