

# The great outdoors

Every baby needs a pair of well-fitting booties to keep toes toasty and safe. By Angela Turner

**T**hese no-fuss booties are a perfect single evening project – they're so quick to make that they'll soon be gracing the feet of every little baby you know. A snug-fitting cuff ensures they stay put through even the biggest wriggles. Merino is renowned for its insulating properties and will keep little feet warm as toast through even the coldest spring chills. Drops Extra Fine Merino has the added bonus of being machine washable and it comes in a wonderful range of both soft and bright shades, so you're sure to find something that tickles your fancy!

## BABY WELLINGTONS

### SOLE (make 2)

Using purple yarn, cast on 8 sts.

G-st 2 rows.

**Next row:** Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc 10sts

**Next row:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows again. 12sts

G-st 32 rows.

**Next row:** Dec in first st, knit to last st, dec. 10sts

**Next row:** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows once more. 8sts

Cast off.

### UPPERS (make 2)

Using yellow yarn, cast on 66 sts.

G-st 4 rows, then cont in st-st for a further 4 rows.

**Next row:** K27, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k6, sl1, k2tog tbl, pssso, k27. 62sts

**Next row:** P25, sl1 purlwise, p2tog, pssso, p6, sl1 purlwise, p2tog tbl, pssso, p25. 58sts

**Next row:** K23, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k6, sl1, k2tog tbl, pssso, k23. 54sts

**Next row:** P21, sl1 purlwise, p2tog, pssso, p6, sl1 purlwise, p2tog tbl, pssso, p21. 50sts

**Next row:** K19, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k6, sl1, k2tog tbl, pssso, k19. 46sts

**Next row:** P17, sl purlwise, p2tog, pssso, p6, sl purlwise, p2tog tbl, pssso, p17. 42sts

**Next row:** K1, k2tog, k12, sl1, k2tog, pssso, k6, sl1, k2tog tbl, pssso, k12, k2tog, k1. 36sts

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** K17, inc in next 2sts, k17. 38sts

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** K1, inc in next st, k16, inc in next 2sts, k16, inc in next st, k1. 42sts

St-st 5 rows.

Change to purple and st-st 2 rows.

Change to yellow and st-st 2 rows.

Change to purple and st-st 2 rows.

Change to yellow and st-st 3 rows.

**Next row:** (WS) Knit.

Starting with a knit row, st-st 14 rows.

**Next row:** K1, k2tog, k16, (k2tog) x 2, k16, k2tog, k1.

**Next row:** Purl.

**Next row:** K17, (k2tog) x 2, k17.

Cast off purlwise (not too tightly).

## FINISH

Press lightly. Sew seams of uppers together. Sew to g-st sole. Turn right way out and fold uppers, securing with a little st in the inside.

## YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ 1 x 50g ball DROPS Extra Fine Merino DK in yellow (shade 04)
- ✿ 1 x 50g ball DROPS Extra Fine Merino DK in purple (shade 14)
- ✿ Pair of 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles
- ✿ Stitch holder
- ✿ Tapestry needle

## TENSION

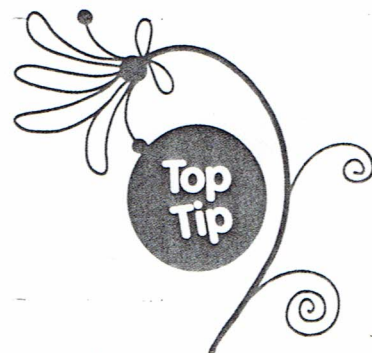
- ✿ 22 sts x 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st on 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

## MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit 0-3 months.

## ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ See standard abbreviations on page 89.



Store yarn in sealed bags with sachets of lavender to keep clothes moths at bay

## IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Garner stitch around the sole helps to hide the seam where you have joined the sole to the main body of the bootie and looks pretty stylish too!

