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One-Hour Baby Booties

Size

Newborn (3–6 months)

Materials

Lamb's Pride Bulky
(85% wool, 15% mohair; 113g/125 yds),
1 skein M115 Oatmeal

For newborn: US 8 (5mm) straight
needles

For 3–6 months: US 9 (5.5mm) straight
needles

US I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook

Two ½" buttons

1 packet blue Kool-Aid w/ a pinch of
cherry (to mute the blue)

Gauge

13 sts and 22 rows = 4" garter st
on size 8 needles

12 sts and 20 rows = 4" on size
9 needles

Abbreviation

Incl: K and p into the same st.

efore my daughter was born, I spent much of my then underappreciated free time knitting her a bunch of teeny socks and booties. The footwear in question was knit on size 0 needles using very soft, very expensive, very dry-clean-only cashmere.

They were delicate, and looked so sweet stacked neatly in her dresser drawer. Of course, I birthed a guileless free spirit who couldn't be bothered with socks. Or booties. Or cashmere. Did I mention the socks were bland and slippery? How could I blame my discerning baby for rejecting them? I can only blame myself. Who in her right mind would knit something with a 2- or 3-month shelf life using size 0 needles?

Today, as a mom, I am a lot more practical, and into saving precious time and energy whenever possible. I designed these booties, which can be knit in one hour or less, to appeal to both the knitter and the infant geniuses who will wear them with pride and adulation.

DIRECTIONS

BOOTY (MAKE 2)

CO 9 sts.

Row 1: K1, incl, k1, incl, incl, incl, k1, incl,
k1—14 sts.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9: K.

Row 3: K2, incl, k2, incl, k1, m1, k1, incl, k2, incl,
k2—19 sts.

