

Booties

Booties on 60 slot cylinder (can also use 54) using appropriate baby yarn



Remove every other needle around cylinder. Set up in scrap yarn. Attach working yarn at either hash mark so you know where to begin re-hanging your hem. Knit 8 rounds. At the rear of the cylinder at the approximate center leave three needles and move the stitch on either side of those three needles over to the next needle. (This is to form an opening for I-cord ties or ribbon.) Be sure latches of those needles remain open though. Knit 8 more rounds. Hang row one on next row (which would be 17). Knit 15 rounds stopping at center front of carriage. Attach heel tension spring. Knit the way you regularly do a heel pulling one needle up out of work on each pass, but you will go back and forth until there are 5 needles remaining down at the front of the cylinder. (This will not be right at both hash marks since your cylinder is uneven with every other needle and it is such a small item.) Put needles back into work one at a time as you regularly do on a heel. Leave the tension spring on for the remainder of the foot. Knit 12 rounds. Repeat toe the same as heel. Leave long tail at your side hash mark to enable sewing up the toe. Attach scrap yarn. Knit a few rounds and make second bootie. Close toes and weave in yarn ends. Make I-cord ties (75 to 100 rounds as in directions below) or use ribbon or other lace to thread through the top edge. Roll hemtop downward and tie cord.

Alternate style--a little more work:

Start the same as other bootie but on round 8 move every other stitch over to the next needle to form picot edge. (This will not form as nicely as it does when you use every needle.) Knit 8 more rounds. Close hem on next round (in other words, rehang round one on this round). Knit 5 rounds. Make 6 holes evenly spaced around cylinder (same as you would by moving needles to form picot). Knit 10 rounds. Make remainder of foot as above.

I-cord: With only 4 needles in the cylinder and yarn carrier on the left side of the machine, thread yarn carrier and pull about 12" through to the inside of the cylinder. Numbered left to right 1, 2, 3, 4--you will take the yarn clockwise around 4, counter-clockwise around 1, clockwise around 3, and pass the tail across the other passes and down the cylinder to your fingers below. Thus, you will have a wrap around needles 1, 3 and 4 with 2 being blank. Attach heel tension spring. Pull downward (but not as hard as for a sock) and make sure stitches catch on the left side. Keep cranking forward continuously until cord is desired length. Cut with 4" tail and pass tail yarn through each final stitch. Weave tail back down the cord or pull it through to the inside. You can use this same method with 3 needles if you prefer a thinner cord.