

# LITTLE DUCKLING

Welcome a newborn to the world with  
**Monica Russel's** cute baby booties.

Quick  
&  
Easy



PATONS FAIRYTALE MERINO MIX  
DK COMES IN LOTS OF PALE  
PASTEL COLOURS THAT ARE A  
GREAT CHOICE FOR BABIES

**Tip** New parents will appreciate having some bigger hand-knits for baby to wear, as their little one will quickly grow out of their smallest clothes. It's a good idea to go for a bigger size than they currently need – or, if you have enough time, why not make all three pairs?



## YOU WILL NEED

■ Patons, Fairytale Merino Mix DK (50% wool, 50% polyamide, 50g/120m)  
1 ball of Vanilla (01021)

■ A pair of 4mm needles

■ A tapestry needle

For yarn stockists contact  
**MEZ Crafts 01484 668200**  
<https://knitpatons.com/en/>

## TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st using 4mm needles

## SIZE

Newborn-3 mths (3-6 mths:  
6-12 mths)

## ABBREVIATIONS

See [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

**T**hese plain-looking baby booties have a little secret – a pretty lace pattern on the soles. They're easy to knit as they're worked flat and then sewn up, so there's no heel turning or Kitchener stitching to worry about. This makes them ideal for knitting on the go, or as a speedy last-minute gift – and we think baby will love wearing them too!



## **K** BABY BOOTIES

**Cast on** 27 (35: 43) sts using 4mm needles.

**Row 1** (WS) Ktbl to end.

**Row 2** K1, yo, K12 (16: 20), yo, K1, yo, K12 (16: 20), yo, K1. [31 (39: 47) sts]

**Row 3** Knit.

**Row 4** K1, yo, K14 (18: 22), yo, K1, yo, K14 (18: 22), yo, K1. [35 (43: 51) sts]

**Row 5** Knit.

**Row 6** K1, yo, K16 (20: 24), yo, K1, yo, K16 (20: 24), yo, K1. [39 (47: 55) sts]

**Rows 7-17** Knit.

## SHAPE TOES

**Row 1** Sl1, K14 (19: 23), k2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, sl1, yo, turn.

**Row 2** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, yo, sl1 pwise, turn.

**Row 3** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, sl1, yo, turn.

**Row 4** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, yo, sl1 pwise, turn.

**Row 5** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, sl1, turn.

**Row 6** P2tog tbl, P5, p2tog, sl1 pwise, turn.

**Row 7** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, sl1, turn.

**Row 8** P2tog tbl, P5, p2tog, sl1 pwise, turn.

**Row 9** K2tog, K5, sl1, K1, pss0, knit to end of row. [21 (29: 37) sts]



Using the picot technique to cast off gives the top edge its sweet frilly look.

**Row 10** K7 (11: 15), P6, K8 (12: 16).  
Knit 22 (24: 26) rows.

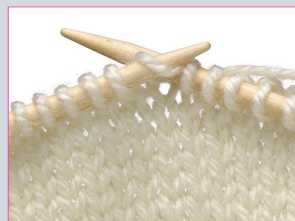
Cast off using the picot method as follows:

**Cast off** 2 sts, \*return 1 st on needle to left-hand needle, cast on 2 sts using cable cast on, cast off 4 sts; rep from \* to end of row.

## TO MAKE UP

Using mattress stitch, sew up the sole seam, then the back seam reversing the seam 3.5cm from the cast-off edge for the turn back.

## STEP-BY-STEP SKPO SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER



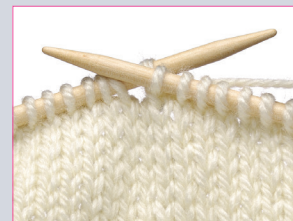
**1** Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if you were to knit, but slip the stitch off and on to the right-hand needle.



**2** Knit the next stitch as normal.



**3** Now insert the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



**4** Continue knitting until the end of the row. This decrease forms a slant which lies to the left.