

# Kitten booties by Ann Franklin



## Booties

You will need

- DROPS Baby Merino, 50g x 1 ball of each in:
  - Grey (shade 19) – A
  - White (shade 01) – B
  - Pink (shade 07) – C
  - Black (shade 21) – D
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- Stitch holder

Sizes

- 0-6 (6-12: 12-18) mths to fit sole length 10.2 (12.2: 14)cm, 4 (4¾: 5½)in

Tension

- 27 sts and 54 rows to 10cm (4in) over g-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

Abbreviations

- sk2po: Slip 1 st wise  
Knit 2 sts tog, pass slipped st over
- For standard abbreviations see [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)

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About this yarn

**DROPS Baby Merino**

100% wool

175m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

from [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)  
or call 0800 505 3300

A baby's wardrobe can never contain enough booties. That's a scientific fact! These booties are decorated with oh-so cute kitten features and that makes them an absolute must-have. The foot part

## BOOTIES

### Pattern note

Work begins at sole.

### Foot (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and yarn A, cast on 8 (10: 12) sts.

Knit 5 rows.

**Row 6 (WS)** K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1.

10 (12: 14) sts

Knit 9 rows.

**Row 16** As Row 6. 12 (14: 16) sts

Knit 11 rows.

**Row 28** As Row 6. 14 (16: 18) sts

Knit 17 (27: 37) rows.

**Next row** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 12 (14: 16) sts

Knit 5 rows.

**Next row** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 10 (12: 14) sts

Knit 4 rows.

**Next row** K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1.

12 (14: 16) sts

Knit 1 row.

Rep the last 2 rows until 20 (24: 28) sts are on the needle, ending on an inc row.

Knit 11 (13: 19) rows.

**Next row** K5 (6: 7), k2tog, turn.

Working on these 6 (7: 8) sts only, knit 33 (37: 41) rows.

Cast off.

With RS facing (centre stitches will be the 1st sts on left-hand needle) slip 6 (8: 10) sts onto a holder or safety pin. Rejoin the yarn to rem of the sts and work as folls:

**Next row** K2tog, knit to the end of the row. 6 (7: 8) sts

of the bootie is simple – garter stitch all over and no leg part to work. The ears, eyes and nose are small knitted pieces stitched on to the tops and they're finished off with embroidered mouth, whiskers and eye centres.

Knit 33 (37: 41) rows.

Cast off.

### Edging

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and yarn B, and with RS facing, pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts from the inner edge, knit across the 6 (8: 10) sts from the stitch holder, pick up and knit 18 (20: 22) sts from the second inner edge. 42 (48: 54) sts  
Knit 2 rows and cast off.

### Ears

#### Outer ears (make 4)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and yarn A, cast on 11 sts.

**Row 1 (RS)** K5, p1, k5.

**Row 2** As Row 1.

**Row 3** K5, p1, k2, k2tog, k1. 10 sts

**Row 4** K4, p1, k2, k2tog, k1. 9 sts

**Row 5** K4, p1, k1, k2tog, k1. 8 sts

**Row 6** K3, p1, k1, k2tog, k1. 7 sts

**Row 7** K3, p1, k2tog, k1. 6 sts

**Row 8** K2, p1, k2tog, k1. 5 sts

**Row 9** K2, k2tog, k1. 4 sts

**Row 10** K1, k2tog, k1. 3 sts

**Row 11** Sk2po to cast off.

#### Inner ears (make 4)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) and yarn C, cast on 9 sts.

**Row 1** K4, p1, k4. 9 sts

**Row 2** As Row 1.

**Row 3** K4, p1, k1, k2tog, k1. 8 sts

**Row 4** K3, p1, k1, k2tog, k1. 7 sts

**Row 5** K3, p1, k2tog, k1. 6 sts

## It's in the detail

**Before sewing on the ears, measure their positions so all ears match each other – unless you want a wonky look, that is! Mark the centre point of the top of the bootie and then mark points 3 rows down from the contrast edge and 2 sts either side of the centre. Then follow the instructions to shape the angle.**



**Row 6** K2, p1, k2tog, k1. 5 sts

**Row 7** K2, k2tog, k1. 4 sts

**Row 8** K1, k2tog, k1. 3 sts

**Row 9** Sk2po to cast off.

## Eyes (make 4)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) and yarn B, cast on 8 sts.

Break off yarn and thread it through rem sts. Take sts off needle and pull yarn tightly to join the sts into a closed circle.

## Nose (make 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) and yarn C, cast on 3 sts.

Knit 2 rows

Sk2po to cast off.

## To make up

For all seams, use an over-cast stitch.

Join the cast-off sts at the heel, matching colours. Sew the bottom edge of the top of the bootie to the side edges of the sole, with the heel hem at the centre of the cast-on row of the sole, and matching row endings.

Sew in all ends neatly.

Sew the inner ear and outer ears together, with cast-on edges together, and with a small outline of the outer ear showing around the inner ear on all other edges. Sew the ears to the front of the booties 3 rows below the contrast edging, sewing half of the ears parallel to the contrast row, with the centre of the ear level with the corner of the contrast edging, then sew the second half of each ear at an angle so that the bottom of the ear is 6 rows below the top, and about 3 sts further to the side than the corner of the contrast edging. Join the eyes into a circle and sew below the ears, about 3 sts apart. Sew the nose at the centre of the face, 3 rows below the eyes. Using back stitch, embroider a mouth below the nose using the same colour yarn. Using yarn D, sew a small French knot or a few back stitches onto the centre of each eye to make pupils. Using the same yarn, use long stitches to make 3 whiskers on each side of the nose. ♥

*Embroider the facial features after sewing the booties together*

## Top Tip

*When securing embroidered features, make knots tiny to avoid irritating baby's skin*

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## More ideas

Fallen in love with these delightful booties? You can find lots more cute footwear patterns using DROPS yarn, for premature babies right up to 4 years, at [www.garnstudio.com](http://www.garnstudio.com)