



INSTRUCTIONS

SANTA BOOTEES

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Directions are for size Small (6 months). Changes for size Large (12 months) follow in parentheses.

SKILL LEVEL

For the intermediate knitter

MATERIALS

Sportweight yarn: 1 ounce of red; ½ ounce each of green and white; scraps of pink for face and black for eyes

Two tiny white pom-poms

Size 3 knitting needles or size to obtain gauge given below

Stitch holders

Gauge: 6 sts = 1 inch; 8 rows = 1 inch.

INSTRUCTIONS

ANKLE: With green, cast on 45 (51) sts. Work 3 rows garter st; break off. Join white, work 4 rows st st, break off. Join red, work 4 (6) rows garter st. Join white, work 4 rows st st, break off.

Eyelet row: Join green, k 1, * yo, k 2 tog; rep from * across. Work 3 rows garter st. Break off.

INSTEP: Sl 16 (18) sts at each edge to holders. With pink, work center 13 (15) sts in st st. Work even in st st for 10 rows. Change to white. Work even in garter st for 5 (7) rows for beard. Sl sts to holder.

FOOT: With right side facing and red, work 16 (18) sts from holder, pick up 7 (8) sts along right edge of instep, work 13 (15) instep sts, pick up 7 (8) sts along left edge of instep, work rem 16 (18) sts from holder—59 (67) sts.

FOOT SHAPING (size Large only): Row 1—K 25, k 3 tog, k 11, k 3 tog, k 25—63 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K 24, k 3 tog, k 9, k 3 tog, k 24—59 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Both sizes: Row 1 (5)—K 1, k 2 tog, k 20, k 3 tog, k 7, k 3 tog, k 20, k 2 tog, k 1—53 sts.

Row 2 (6): Purl.

Row 3 (7): K 1, k 2 tog, k 18, k 3 tog, k 5, k 3 tog, k 18, k 2 tog, k 1—47 sts.

Row 4 (8): Purl.

Row 5 (9): K 1, k 2 tog, k 16, k 3 tog, k 3, k 3 tog, k 16, k 2 tog, k 1—41 sts.

Row 6 (10): Purl. Bind off loosely.

HAT: With toe of bootee pointing toward you, pick up 13 (15) sts across fourth row of instep. Work 3 rows garter st with white for hat trim, ending with wrong-side row. Change to red, k 2 tog, k to within last 2 sts, k 2 tog—11 (13) sts.

Next row: Purl. Rep these last 2 rows until 3 sts rem, ending with wrong-side row. Sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso. Fasten off. Sew tiny white pom-pom to tip of hat; fasten to bootee top.

FACE: Embroider face, referring to photograph for colors and feature placement. Work black French knots using a double strand of yarn for eyes. Satin-stitch a red nose; straight-stitch a red mouth.

Fold and sew bottom and back of bootee. Crochet chain drawstring 12 inches long. Run drawstring through eyelets; tie in bow.