Garden Baby Booties

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I designed these baby booties to coordinate with Michele Sabatier's Berry Baby Hat.

I wanted something that was in stockinette stitch and matched the cuteness of that adorable hat for newborns.

Size: Newborn - Small

Materials:

- 1 skein Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton; 93 yds) Burnt orange #343; approx. 35 yds needed
- 1 skein Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton; 93 yds) Dark Green #344; approx. 10 yds needed
- Size 3 (3.25 mm) DPNs
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry/Yarn Needle



K - Knit

CO - Cast on

St(s) - Stitch(es)

Kfb - Knit front & back; knit into the front and back of the same stitch: 1 stitch increased.

M1 - Make 1; lift the horizontal strand between stitches, back to front, with the right hand needle, slip it onto the left hand needle, then knit through the back loop.



P - Purl

BO - Bind off

K2tog - Knit 2 together; knit two stitches together as one.

Ssk - Slip, slip, knit; slip one stitch knit-wise twice, slip both stitches back to left needle and knit them together through the back loop.

SI - Slip; Slip one stitch from left to right needle without knitting. P-wise - Purl-wise; tells direction to slip or bind off.

Directions:

With the Burnt orange yarn and using Judy's Magic CO or other circular cast on which gives you two rows of stitches opposite each other (like for toe-up sock), CO 16 total sts. Place marker to indicate beginning of round and begin knitting in the round. The first round will be very tight, but will loosen up on subsequent rounds.

Round 1: K1, kfb, k4, m1, k1, kfb twice, k1, m1, k4, kfb, k1. [22 sts]

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: K1, m1, k7, m1, k1, m1, k4, m1, k1, m1, k7, m1, k1. [28 sts]

Round 4: Knit.

Round 5: K1, m1, k8, m1, k2, m1, k6, m1, k2, m1, k8, m1, k1. [34 sts]

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: K1, m1, k9, m1, k3, m1, k2, m1, k4, m1, k2, m1, k3, m1,

k9, m1, k1. [42 sts]

Rounds 8 - 11: Knit.

Round 12: K14, ssk, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k14. [38 sts]

Move all sts to one DPN and proceed with leaf edging with attached i-cord.

Leaf Edging with attached I-cord

With the Green yarn, make a slip knot on one needle, leaving a 4" tail.

Row 1: Kfb. [2 sts]

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Kfb twice. [4 sts]

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: Kfb, k2, kfb. [6 sts]

Round 13: Knit.

Round 14: K13, ssk, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k13. [34 sts]

Round 15: Knit.

Round 16: K12, ssk, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k12. [30 sts]

Round 17: K7, p16, k7.

Round 18: K13, ssk, k2tog, k13. [28 sts]

Round 19: K7, p14, k7.

Round 20: K10, BO 10, K8.

Round 21: K9, turn, sl1 p-wise, p17.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K2tog three times. [3 sts]

Start working i-cord and work 6 rows. Begin attaching i-cord to top edge of bootie, as follows.

Attached i-cord

With inside of bootie facing you and beginning on the left edge, move the first bootie stitch to the i-cord needle.

Row 1: K2tog, k2. [3 sts]

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 seventeen more times, using 1 bootie st each Row 1, until all bootie stitches have been used. Work 5 more rows of i-cord, then finish with 2nd leaf.

Second Leaf End

Row 1: Kfb three times. [6 sts]

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K2tog, k2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K2tog. [1 st]

Cut yarn and pull end through last stitch to bind off, leaving at least a 4" tail.

Cross the leaf ends over each other and using the tails, sew to the top of the bootie. Weave in remaining ends and repeat entire directions for second bootie.

NOTES:

- Instructions for various cast ons and to make an i-cord can be found on my website: www.SmartCatStudios.com.
- For the Berry Top hat, I held a strand of fingering weight yarn with the Rowan Handknit (in a different shade) to match a worsted weight yarn, as the pattern calls for. One skein of each color was enough for the hat and a pair of booties.

Leaf edging with attached i-cord

(worked flat, read odd rows right to left, even rows left to right) I-cord, every row - slide stitches to right end of needle and knit.

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Garden Bootie Chart (worked in round, read chart always right to left, except for Row 22, which is left to right)

