

# Slippers

## Baby Booties

10 and 14 peg  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch gauge looms

15 and 21 peg  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch gauge looms



Baby booties are started just like hats. Pick whether you want a newborn size which is the 10 or 15 peg, or use the 14 or 21 peg for the older baby who has some fat to their feet.

**Starting a bootie:** Wrap 3 rows and then pick off the bottom row. Knit 20 rows and make the cuff. (Alternatives; 1 over 1 method on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. gauge also works, or 2 over 2 on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch gauge.)

**Making the heel:** You have two options with the booties. You can make it like a tube sock or mitten with no heel, which is easiest. After making the cuff, you just knit 20 -30 more rows (depending on the foot size) and tie off.

\*If you want a heel in it, it can be done but may take a few tries to get it right. After you make the cuff, or doubled area of the bootie, do 1 more row and then you will start the heel.

For the 14 peg size-Wrap the first 10 pegs for the next row. Stop and hook string to tack. Knit off of those 10 pegs as before. Now instead of going forward, you will go backwards and wrap in the opposite direction pegs 9-2 and knit off.. Know forward wrap pegs 3-8 and knit off, then wrap back pegs 7-4 and knit off, then forward pegs 5,6 and knit off. (See example below. Each - or # represents a peg)

Example: (12345678910) (-23456789-) (--345678-- ) (--- 4567 ---) (----56----), Now you have to widen back out so add one peg on each side each row.

(--- 4567---)(-- 345678--) (-23456789-) (12345678910) Each number and dash represent the original 10 pegs. Only wrap yarn around the pegs that are numbered in example, not the pegs with -. This causes a tapering then extending section which makes the heel. After you get the heel figured out, then do about 15 more rows of knitting, depending on the baby's foot size. Take off loom as you would a hat and tie off the yarn, inside of the bootie. On the 10 peg, you only wrap 8 pegs to begin with for the heel. For the 15 peg loom, wrap 12 pegs for the heel.