

Better Than Booties Baby Socks

Design by Ann Budd



Not keen on baby booties? Try baby socks. Ann Budd has designed five adorable pairs of tiny socks to make precious little feet even more precious. All feature Priscilla Gibson-Roberts's short-row heel and toe (Fall 2000 *Interweave Knits*, page 76) and decorative zigzag bind-off. Worked in washable wool, these socks are easy to care for—an important feature in babywear. Instructions for the Ruffle Rib, Braided Cable and Hugs and Kisses socks are in the Summer 2005 issue of *Interweave Knits*. Instructions for the Ruffle Rib (again), Chevron Lace, and Cable Rib socks are given here.

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★ FINISHED SIZE:

About 4¾" (12 cm) foot circumference and 3½" (9 cm) long from back of heel to tip of toe.

YARN:

Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock (80% superwash wool, 20% nylon; 215 yd [196 m]/50 g): 1 skein will make 3 pairs of socks. Shown in #21NS powder blue, # 44NS old rose, and #15NS chino.

NEEDLES:

Size 0 (2 mm): set of 4 or 5 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

★ NOTIONS:

Markers (m); cable needle (cn); tapestry needle.

★ GAUGE:

18 sts and 26 rnds = 2" (5 cm) in St st worked in the rnd.

★ SKILL LEVEL:

Experienced. 

★ STITCH GUIDE:

Ssp: Slip 2 sts individually kwise, return these 2 sts to left needle, and purl them tog through their back loops.

Sssp: Slip 3 sts individually kwise, return these 3 sts to left needle, and purl them tog through their back loops.

★ RUFFLE RIB SOCKS

Leg: CO 88 sts. Distribute sts evenly on 3 or 4 dpn, place marker (pm), and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Work ruffle as foll:

Rnds 1, 2, and 3: *K2, p2; rep from *.

Rnd 4: *K2, p2tog; rep from *—66 sts rem.

Rnds 5 and 6: *K2, p1; rep from *.

Rnd 7: *K1, ssk; rep from *—44 sts rem.

Knit 1 rnd even. *Eyelet rnd:* *Yo, k2tog; rep from *. *Next md:* *P1, k1; rep from *. Rep the last rnd 15 more times,



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ending 11 sts before end-of-rnd marker on last rnd. **Heel:** Arrange sts so that the next 22 sts are on one needle for the heel, removing marker as you go (working yarn is at the right edge of these sts)—22 sts total for heel; divide rem 22 sts between 2 needles to be worked later for instep. Work 22 heel sts in short rows as foll:

Row 1: (RS) K21, turn (1 st unworked on left needle).

Row 2: Yo backwards (see Toe and Heel Construction box), p20, turn (1 st unworked).

Row 3: Yo as usual, knit to paired sts made by yo of previous row (the yo will form a loop out of the side of the adjacent st), leaving 3 sts on left needle (i.e., do not work the pair), turn.

Row 4: Yo backwards, purl to paired sts made by the yo of the previous row, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until there are 11 total sts between yos (9 unpaired sts between yos), ending with a WS row. Turn so RS is facing. Form the heel cup as foll:

Row 1: (RS) Yo as usual, knit to the paired st made by yo of previous row, k1, (the first st of the pair), correct the mount of the yo (so that the leading edge is on the front of the needle), k2tog (the yo with the first st of the next pair, leaving a yo as the first st on the left needle), turn.

Row 2: (WS) Yo backwards, purl to paired st made by yo of previous row, purl the first st of the pair, ssp (the yo with the first st of the next pair, leaving a yo as the first st on the left needle; see Stitch Guide), turn.

Row 3: Yo, knit to the paired st made by yo of previous row, knit the first st of the pair (the next 2 loops will

be yos), correct the mount of each of these yos, k3tog (2 yos with the first st of the next pair), turn.

Row 4: Yo backwards, purl to next yo (the next 2 loops are yos), sssp (2 yos with the first st of the next pair; see Stitch Guide), turn.

Row 5: Yo, knit to next yo (the next 2 loops will be yos), correct the mount of each of these yos, k3tog (2 yos with the first st of the next pair), turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until all yos of heel have been consumed, ending with Row 4. The last turn will bring RS facing—22 sts + 1 yo. **Joining rnd:** Yo, knit to yo at end of needle, place this yo on next needle (first instep needle), k2tog (the yo plus first st of next needle), work to last instep st, place yo at beg of next (heel) needle onto instep needle and work these 2 sts as ssk (last st of rnd plus yo)—44 sts. Rnd begins at beg of sole sts.

Foot: Work even in St st for 16 rnds. **Toe:** Rearrange sts if necessary so that 22 bottom-of-foot (sole) sts are on one dpn. Work toe with short-rows as for heel. After making the last turn, the toe is joined to the top of the foot with a zigzag bind-off: Place 22 instep sts on 1 dpn and 22 sole sts on another dpn. Holding the 2 needles tog, sl 1 from front needle, p1 from back needle, pass slipped st over purled st, *k1 from front needle, pass slipped st over, p1 from back needle, pass first st over; rep from * until 1 st rem on needle, working last st tog with its accompanying yo. Fasten off.

☆ FINISHING:

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly if desired.

☆ CHEVRON LACE SOCKS

Leg: CO 44 sts. Distribute sts evenly on 3 or 4 dpn, place marker (pm), and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Knit 6 rnds for facing. Picot turning rnd: *Yo, k2; rep from *. Knit 5 rnds. **Joining rnd:** Join CO edge to next rnd of knitting as foll: Turn facing to inside along turning rnd, pick up edge of first CO st, and knit this loop tog with the first st on needle. Cont around in this manner, working the edge of the corresponding CO st tog with the st on the needle. Knit 1 rnd even. **Set-up patt:** K6, work Rnd 1 of Chevron Lace chart over 9 sts, k13, work Rnd 1 of Chevron Lace chart over 9 sts, k7. Cont as established, working 13 sts in St st between each lace panel, until Rnds 1–6 have been worked a total of 4



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times (24 rnds total), ending with Rnd 6. **Heel:** Work as for Ruffle Rib socks, ending by knitting 1 rnd across all sts. **Foot:** K17, work Rnd 1 of Chevron Lace chart over 9 sts, k18. Cont as established, working center 9 instep sts in lace patt for a total of 4 reps (24 rnds), ending with Rnd 6 of patt. **Toe:** Work as for Ruffle Rib socks.

☆ CABLE RIB SOCKS

Leg: CO 44 sts. Distribute sts evenly on 3 or 4 dpn, place marker (pm), and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Beg with Rnd 1, work all sts according to Cable Rib chart until a total of 24 rnds have been worked.



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Heel: Working 22 heel sts in St st, work short-row heel as for Ruffle Rib socks. **Foot:** Cont working one cable patt along each side of foot as foll: K11, p1, work 2 sts in cable patt as established, p1, k16, p1, work 2 sts in cable patt as established, knit to end. Cont in this manner until Rnds 1–4 of chart have been worked 4 times (16 rnds). **Toe:** Work as for Ruffle Rib socks. ❄



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Toe and Heel Construction

The toe and heel are constructed with short rows that produce an hourglass shape. Each short row begins with a yarnover that is instrumental in



preventing gaps. When the knit side is facing, work the yarnover in the usual manner, bringing yarn forward under needle then over the top to the back. When the purl side is facing, bring yarn to the back under needle, then over the top to the front as illustrated here. This forms a “backward” yarnover—the leading side of the loop is on the back of the needle.

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□ k on RS; p on WS

• p on RS; k on WS

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⊗ I/I RC: k2tog, then knit first st again, then slip both sts off needle