# BOTTiES°

# Knitted Botties®

Free basic instructions for blended yarns 50 g / 65 m Needle size 7-8



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For this model you will need:



Crochet hook 3.5 mm; double pointed knitting needles 5 mm, and for sizes D-G circular needles with a short cable; wool needle; fabric clips; tailor's wax, if necessary



1 pair of Botties soles



Matching insoles, e.g. felt insoles, 10 mm thick



Kids XXS = approx. 50 g Kids XS / S / M / L / XL und Erw. XXS / XS / S = approx. 100 g Erwachsene S+/ M/ L / XL = approx. 150 g

#### YARN RECOMMENDATION

Composition: Blended yarns (virgin wool/acrylic) with a yardage of: 50g/65m — Needle size: 7-8mm Tension:  $10 \times 10 \text{ cm} = 16 \text{ sts}$  and 24.5 rows in stockinette stitch. Knit a tension swatch before starting, as it is crucial to work with the exact tension for the perfect fit of your Botties. If in your swatch there are more stitches to 10 cm, use bigger needles; if there are less, use smaller needles.

#### HINTS

- ① Yarns that can be torn easily by hand aren't durable enough for Round O. Please use a more resistant yarn in a similar colour (e.g. waxed thread), before continuing with your yarn of choice.
- ② Cotton is very resistant, but tends to wear out quickly. You can compensate this by washing your Botties® quite often. We recommend you work your knitted Botties® with a yarn that has a high percentage of polyacrylic and/ or wool.
- These instructions were written assuming that you wear your Botties® with 10 mm thick felt insoles. The insole raises the foot for a better fit. If you'd like to wear your Botties® with thinner insoles, start decreasing in the 1st round. For children, work the smaller size according to the instructions.
- Heel cap: In case you need more holes to fixate your shoe to the sole, you can add the necessary number using punch pliers.

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Stockinette stitch in the round: knit all stitches

Rib stitch in the round: \*knit 1, purl 1\*, repeat all across

Right leaning decrease before the centre stitch: knit two stitches together

**Left leaning decrease after the centre stitch: Slip, slip knit:** Slip one stitch knitwise, then slip it back on the left needle and knit it together with the following stitch.

Always pull the yarn tight when decreasing at the centre.

**Stretchy bind-off:** Knit one stitch and slip it back on the left needle. Then \*knit two stitches together, return the resulting stitch back to the left needle\*. Repeat from \* to \* until there is only one stitch left. Cut the yarn, pull it through and weave in the end.

**Knitting with double pointed needles:** Distribute the stitches evenly onto four needles, with the front and back centre stitches in the centre of one needle respectively.

# **Explanation of the chart**

The charts show the sections in which decreases are worked.

Empty squares do not represent any stitch as they are the result of the decreases.

Read the chart right to left. Decreases are worked just before or after the stitches marked with bold numbers. <u>Tip</u>: Marking those stitches when casting on makes it easier to sew the boot to the sole later.

## Abbreviations and symbols

acc = according to

approx = approximately

BO = bind off

CO = cast on

dec = decrease

k = knit

p = purl

r(s) = row(s)

rnd(s) = round(s)

st(s) = stitch(s)

= knit one st

= right leaning decrease

▼ = left leaning decrease

= no stitch (result of the decrease)

( ) = no stitch for the size marked in red

= only for the size marked in red

 $\forall$  = only for the size marked in red

#### SEWING THE BOOT TO THE SOLE - ROUND 0

Crocheting around the sole: Hold the sole with the heel facing you. Insert the crochet hook from the inside to the outside of the central hole on the bottom row, and pass the yarn through the hole. Now insert the crochet hook through the hole on top of the first hole from the outside to the inside; wrap yarn over hook, pass the yarn through the hole and finish working the single crochet. Repeat this for the rest of the heel. Work all the stitches in the holes beyond the heel in single crochet, then close the round with a slip stitch. Tip: Crocheting around the sole is easier if you wax the yarn with tailor's wax.

Sewing the boot to the sole: Carefully steam-block the knitted boot, especially the decreases in the front. Pin the cast-on round to the sole, matching the heel mark to the centre stitch in the back, the tip of the foot to the centre stitch in the front, and the marked stitches on the side placed evenly on either side of the sole. Now use the blanket stitch to sew the boot to the upper edge of the crocheted round, starting at the heel. To do so, pass the needle back to front trough the crochet stitch, then front to back through the cast-on round of the knitted boot, and back to front through the resulting loop. Pull the yarn tight. You can also use an overlock stitch to fixate the boot to the sole.

Chart A for size Kids XXS — Circumference of the sole: 38.5 cm; leg height 10 cm; leg width 16 cm: CO 62 sts and distribute them evenly onto dpns. Work stockinette stitch in the round. Knit 2 rnds without dec. From rnd 3 on, continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 11th to 52nd st acc to the chart. From rnd 9 on, continue without dec. Work rnds 23 and 24 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.

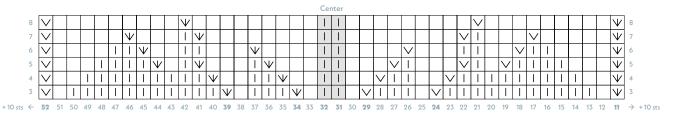


Chart B for sizes Kids XS and Kids S — Circumference of the sole: 42.5/45.5 cm; leg height 11 cm; leg width 16/18 cm: CO 68/72 sts and distribute them evenly onto dpns. Work stockinette stitch in the round. Knit 2 rnds without dec. From rnd 3 on, continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 9th/11th to 60th/62nd st acc to the chart. From rnd 10 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 10 only for size Kids S acc to the chart. Work rnds 26 and 27 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.

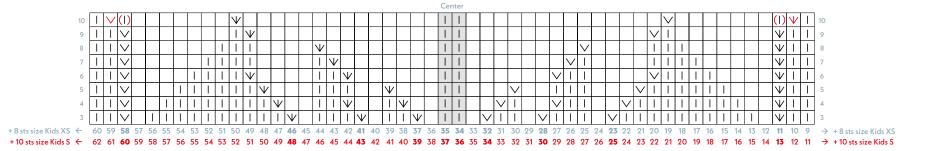


Chart C for sizes Kids M and Kids L — Circumference of the sole: 49/51.5 cm; leg height 11 cm; leg width 18/19 cm: CO 78/82 sts and distribute them evenly onto dpns. Work stockinette stitch in the round. Knit 2 rnds without dec. From rnd 3 on, continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 11th/13th to 68th/70th st acc to the chart. From rnd 12 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 12 only for size Kids L acc to the chart. Work rnds 26 and 27 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.

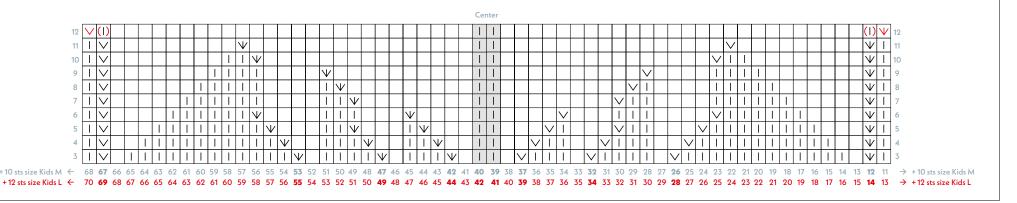


Chart D for sizes Kids XL and Adult XXS — Circumference of the sole: 54.5/57.5 cm; leg height 12 cm; leg width 22/24 cm: CO 88/92 sts on circular needles. Join in the round and work stockinette stitch. Knit 2 rnds without dec. From rnd 3 on, continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 16th/18th to 73rd/75th st acc to the chart. When necessary, switch to 5 mm dpns. From rnd 14 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 16 only for size Adult XXS acc to the chart. Work rnds 28 and 29 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.

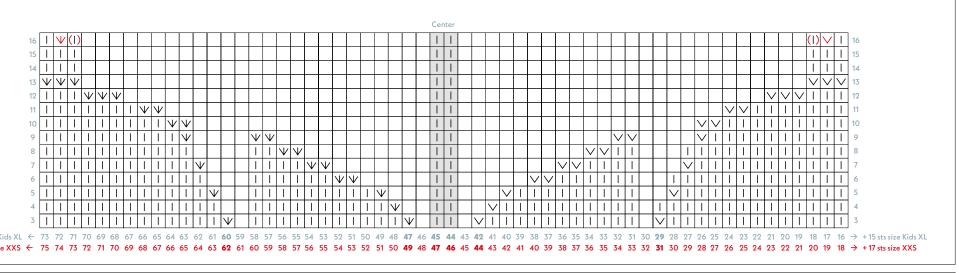
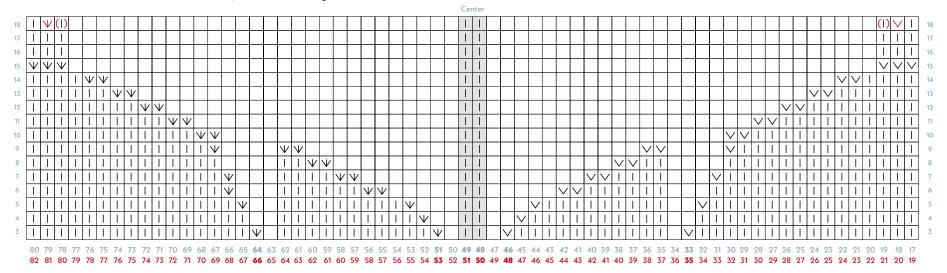


Chart E for sizes Adult XS and S — Circumference of the sole: 60/62 cm; leg height 13 cm; leg width 24/25 cm: CO 96/100 sts on circular needles. Join in the round and work stockinette stitch. Knit 2 rnds without dec. Then continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 17th/19th st to 80th/82nd st acc to the chart. When necessary, switch to 5 mm dpns. From rnd 16 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 19 only for size Adult S acc to the chart. Work rnds 30 and 31 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.



+ 16 sts size XS ← + 18 sts size S ← → +16 sts size XS

 $\rightarrow$  +18 sts size S

Chart F for sizes Adult S+ and M — Circumference of the sole: 64/66 cm; leg height 14 cm; leg width 25/26 cm: CO 102/106 sts on circular needles. Join in the round and work stockinette stitch. Knit 2 rnds without dec. Then continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 18th/20th st to 85th/87th st acc to the chart. When necessary, switch to 5 mm dpns. From rnd 16 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 16 only for size Adult M acc to the chart. Work rnds 34 and 35 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.

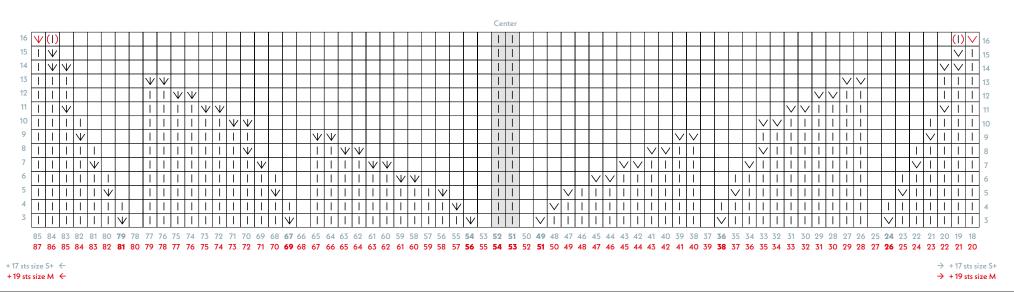
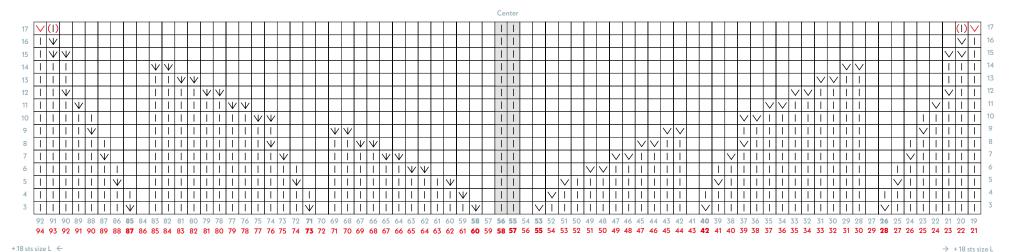


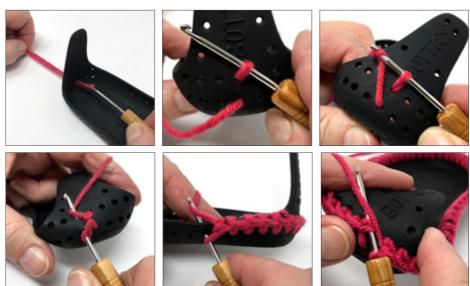
Chart G for sizes Adult L and XL — Circumference of the sole: 69/71.5 cm; leg height 15 cm; leg width 26/27 cm: CO 110/114 sts on circular needles. Join in the round and work stockinette stitch. Knit 2 rnds without dec. Then continue in stockinette stitch working the decreases from 19th/21st st to 92nd/94th st acc to the chart. When necessary, switch to 5 mm dpns. From rnd 17 on, continue without dec; dec 1x1 st in rnd 17 only for size Adult XL acc to the chart. Work rnds 36 and 37 in rib stitch, then BO all sts using the elastic bind-off as described above.



→ +20 sts size XL

+ 20 sts size XL ←

## Crochet around the sole



# Knit according to the chart



## Sew to the sole

