**Saartje’s bootees**  
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**Yarn:** Rowan Cashcotton 4ply in Chartreuse (#910, MC) and Peppermint (#913, CC)  
**Gauge:** 7 spi, 8 garter ridges/inch (I used 2.5 mm needles to achieve this)

MC = Main Color  
CC = Contrast Color  
co = cast on

k = knit  
kbf = knit into back and front of st (i.e. increase 1 st)  
pm = place marker  
m = marker  
m1 = make one, using backward loop  
ssk = slip one st knitwise, slip the next st knitwise, insert left needle into the fronts of both sts and knit them together  
k2tog = knit 2 st together  
bo = bind off

**Sizes:**  
I’m not sure about the sizes, as I haven’t had the chance to try these booties on many different babies. The smaller ones are about 3¼” from heel to toe, the larger ones about 3¾”. Of course, using slightly larger yarn and needles would give you larger bootees.

**Note:**  
To close the seams, I try to use as many of the yarn ends that I end up with. For these yarn ends, I added a (maybe a bit generous) length to leave the tail, so it can be used in the making up process.

**Start at the sole**  
With MC, co 31 (35) sts (start with the slipknot about 20” from the yarn end. This will leave you with a tail long enough to use later to close the bottom seam)  
**row 1 (RS):** k15 (17), pm, k1, pm, k15 (17)  
**row 2:** kbf, k to m, m1, k1, m1, k to last st, kbf  
**row 3:** k  
**row 4:** kbf, k to m, m1, k3, m1, k to last st, kbf  
**row 5:** k  
**row 6:** kbf, k to m, m1, k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, m1, k to last st, kbf  
**row 7:** k  
**row 8:** kbf, k to m, m1, k1, m1, k7, m1, k1, m1, k to last st, kbf (51 (55) st, 5 garter st ridges incl cast on row)

**Small bootees (newborn size?):**  
**rows 9-18:** k, removing markers as you come to them (10 garter st ridges)  
Cut yarn, leaving 5” tail

Continue with CC  
**row 19:** k
row 20: k15, (ssk) 5 times, k1, (k2tog) 5 times, k15
rows 21-23: k
row 24: k10, bo 21, k10

Right strap:
row 25: k10, co 10 using longtail cast on and second strand of CC as the thumb strand, cut second strand leaving 8" tail
rows 26-27: k20
row 28: bo 20

Left strap:

row 25: co 10 using longtail cast on and second strand of CC as the thumb strand, cut second strand, k10
rows 26-27: k20
row 28: bo 20, cut yarn leaving 8" tail

Bigger booties:
rows 9-20: k, removing markers as you come to them (11 garter st ridges)
Cut yarn, leaving 5" tail

Continue with CC
row 21: k
row 22: k17, (ssk) 5 times, k1, (k2tog) 5 times, k17
rows 23-25: k
row 26: k11, bo 23, k11

Right strap:
row 27: k11, co 12 using longtail cast on and second strand of CC as the thumb strand, cut second strand leaving 8" tail
rows 28-29: k23
row 30: bo 23

Left strap:
row 27: co 12 using longtail cast on and second strand of CC as the thumb strand, cut second strand, k11
rows 28-29: k23  
row 30: bo 23, cut yarn leaving 8" tail

**Finishing**
Weave in the short yarn ends. Using the longer yarn ends, close the bottom and back seam. Use the yarn ends at the end of the straps to create a button loop at the end of the straps. Using pictures as a guide, sew on the buttons.

Do you have a question? Found a mistake? Send me an email at saartjeknits@home.nl!

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