

# 3-in-1 button boots



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## DIRECTIONS

Before beginning, see pattern note on construction (below).

### Step 1) Toe:

With US 7 straight needles and scrap yarn, CO 24 (26, 28, 30) sts provisionally (see pg 6). Join C1, and:

R 1 (RS): K  
R 2 (WS): M-DS (see "German Short Rows" on pg 6), p2tog, p to end. [23 (25, 27, 29) sts]  
R 3: M-DS, k to DS, T.  
R 4: M-DS, p to DS, T.  
R 5: M-DS, k to DS, T.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 until there are 5 (5, 7, 7) double stitches on each side, ending on Row 5.

### Step 2) Sole:

#### Sole Section 1:

Next WS R: M-DS, p1, change to C2, and p to DS, T. (Cut C1 yarn.)  
Next RS R: M-DS, (k1, p1) 2x, KFB 3x, (k1, p1) 2 (3, 2, 3)x, k DS 2x, T. [26 (28, 30, 32) sts]

Work Rows 1-4 2 (2, 3, 3)x total, and then work Row 1 once more.

R 1 (WS): M-DS, p1, (k1, p1) to DS, p DS 2x, T.  
R 2 (RS): M-DS, k1, (sl, k1) to 1 st bef DS, sl, k DS 2x, T.  
R 3: M-DS, p2, (k1, p1) to 1 st bef DS, p1, p DS 2x, T.  
R 4: M-DS, k2, (sl, k1) to DS, k DS 2x, T.



All pairs of DS stitches should be worked. (Upon finishing, you'll have worked to the end of the needle on the WS, and there will be 1 single remaining DS on the opposite side to be worked in the following RS Row:)

\*NOTE: The slipped sts at the start of each row will now be simple slipped st edges, until Sole Section 4.

Next RS Row: Sl (see Abbreviations), k1, (sl, k1) to 1 st bef DS, sl, k DS 1x. [26 (28, 30, 32) sts]

#### Sole Section 2:

Work Rows 1 and 2 until sole measures 2.25" (2.5", 2.75", 3"), ending on Row 1 (a WS row).

R 1 (WS): Sl, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, p3.  
R 2 (RS): Sl, (k1, sl) to last 3 sts, k3.

## YARN

Knit Picks Wool of the Andes Bulky Superwash:

C1 (Grey): 185 (200, 215, 245) yds / 170 (185, 200, 225) m

C2 (Black): 70 (75, 80, 90) yds / 65 (70, 75, 85) m

Note: If substituting yarn, please note that this yarn is thinner than a traditional bulky yarn. It knits up more like a thick Aran weight yarn. I recommend against using any yarn thinner than Aran weight as you want a dense fabric.

## GAUGE

Stockinette St: 5 sts and 6 rows = 1 inch

Double Knit Sole: Approximately 8 sts and 5 rows = 1 inch

## NEEDLES

US 7 (4.5 mm) straight; US 7 (4.5 mm) circular (47")

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

## SIZES

S (M, L, XL) to fit women's US shoe size 5-6 (7-8, 9-10, 11-12)

Fits Foot Length: 8.75" (9.5", 10", 10.75")

Approximate Finished Sole Length: 7.75" (8.5", 9", 9.75")

NOTE: These slippers are designed with negative ease to comfortably mold to the foot. The model is wearing size L (and has 10" long, US 10 feet). For the most accurate fit, choose the size based on your foot length.

## NOTIONS

Crochet hook (provisional CO), scrap yarn, tapestry needle, stitch markers, 7/8" buttons/toggles: 8 (10, 10, 10), fabric paint (optional)

## NOTES

These slipper boots boast a convertible buttoned cuff (style these three different ways!) and a comfy double-knit sole. They also are knit seamlessly with short row shaping (using the German Short Rows method). First work the toe, then the sole, shoe back, short row shaped upper, and finally the moss stitch cuff.

### Sole Section 3:

Work the following decreases for the appropriate shoe (R or L):

**Size S (M):** Work R1-10, then rep R1-R6 1 more x.  
[16 (18) sts remaining]

**Size L (XL):** Work R1-10 2x total. [18 (20) sts remaining]

R 1 (RS): Sl, k1, sl, k2tog, (k1, sl) to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3.  
R 2 (WS): Sl, p1, k2tog, p1, (k1, p1) to last 5 sts, k2tog, p3.  
R 3: Sl, (k1, sl) across to last 3 sts, k3.  
R 4: Sl, (p1, k1) across to last 3 sts, p3.  
R 5: Rep R3  
R 6: Rep R4  
R 7 (RIGHT SHOE): Sl, (k1, sl) to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3.  
R 7 (LEFT SHOE): Sl, k1, sl, k2tog, (k1, sl) to last 3 sts, k3.  
R 8 (RIGHT SHOE): Sl, p1, k2tog, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, p3.  
R 8 (LEFT SHOE): Sl, p1, (k1, p1) to last 5 sts, k2tog, p3.  
R 9: Rep R3  
R 10: Rep R4

### Sole Section 4:

With 16 (18, 18, 20) sts remaining, work Rows 1 and 2 until sole measures 7" (7.5", 8", 8.75") total, ending on Row 1 (a RS row).

NOTE: Before measuring, pull on the sole lengthwise a few times to help "pre-stretch" the stitches. This puts them in more of a "blocked" position and helps get the most accurate measurement. (Do not measure *while* stretching the sole!)

R 1 (RS): Sl, (k1, sl) to last 3 sts, k3.  
R 2 (WS): Sl, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, p3.

### Sole Section 5:

Next WS Row: M-DS, p3, (k1, p1) to 2 sts bef end, p2, T.

Work Rows 1-4 1 (2, 2, 2)x total, then rep Rows 1-2 1 (0, 0, 1) more x. There should be 4 (5, 5, 6) double stitches on one side and 3 (4, 4, 5) on the other (ending on a WS row).

R 1 (RS): M-DS, k1, (sl, k1) to 1 st bef DS, k1, T.  
R 2 (WS): M-DS, p2, (k1, p1) to 1 st bef DS, p1, T.  
R 3: M-DS, k2, (sl, k1) to 2 sts bef DS, k2, T.  
R 4: M-DS, p3, (k1, p1) to 2 sts bef DS, p2, T.

### Step 3) Shoe Back:

Work Rows 1-4, then rep Rows 3-4 1 (2, 2, 3) more x.

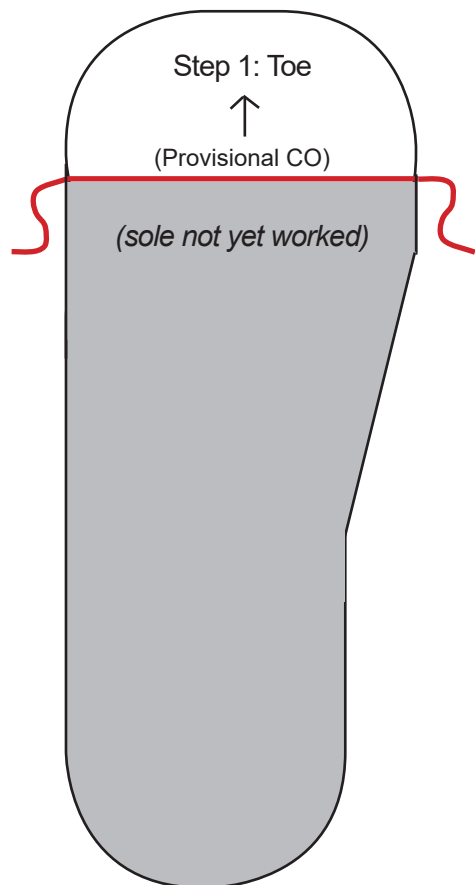
R 1 (RS): M-DS, k1, change to C1, k to DS, k DS 2x, T. (Cut C2 yarn.)  
R 2 (WS): M-DS, p to DS, p DS 2x, T.  
R 3: M-DS, k to DS, k DS 2x, T.  
R 4: M-DS, p to DS, p DS 2x, T.

All pairs of DS stitches should be worked. (Upon finishing, you'll have worked to the end of the needle on the WS, and there will be 1 single remaining DS on the opposite side to be worked in the following RS Row.)

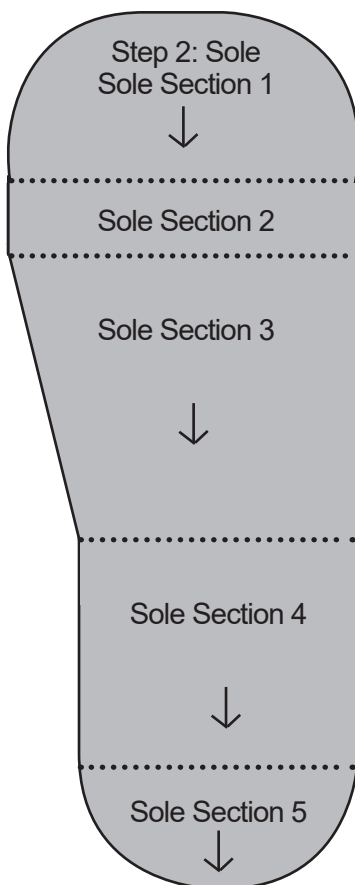
Next RS Row: Change to US 7 circular and:  
M-DS, k to DS, k DS 1x.

[Heel Sts: 16 (18, 18, 20)]

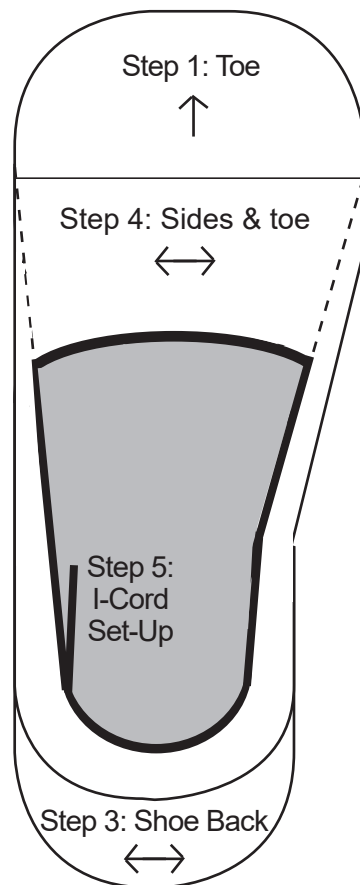
#### 1 - Top Facing



#### 2 - Sole Facing



#### 3 - Top Facing



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#### Step 4) Sides and Toe:

Carefully remove provisional CO (see note under "Provisional Cast On" on pg 6), and place 23 (25, 27, 29) sts onto US 7 (straight) needle, (so that the needle tip points towards the left side of the shoe, with top facing as in schematic). With circular needle and yarn continued from shoe back:

**Left Side:** P-u 28 (30, 32, 36) sts across L shoe side (approx 1 st in each slipped st plus 1 by toe),

**Toe:** K 1, **PM (A)**, k2tog, k 19 (21, 21, 23), k2tog 0 (0, 1, 1)x, **PM (B)**, k 1,

**Right Side:** P-u 28 (30, 32, 36) sts across R shoe side (approx 1 in each slipped st plus 1 by toe),

**Heel (Right Half):** k DS 1x, k 7 (8, 8, 9) to middle back of heel, **PM (C)**. (This marks the beginning of rnd.)

[L and R Side Sts: 37 (40, 42, 47), Toe Sts: 20 (22, 23, 25)]

- Rnd 1: K to M (A), SM, [k2tog, k 7 ( 8, 5, 9)] 2 (2, 3, 2)x, k 0 (0, 0, 1), k2tog, SM (B), SSK 2x, k1, T, M-DS, p to M (A), SM, p2tog 2x, p1, T, M-DS, k to end of rnd knitting DS.  
[Side Sts: 35 (38, 40, 45), Toe Sts: 17 (19, 19, 22)]
- Rnd 2: K to M (B) knitting DS, SM, SSK 2x, k1, T, M-DS, p to M (A), SM, p2tog 2x, p1, T, M-DS, k to end of rnd knitting DS.  
[Side Sts: 33 (36, 38, 43), Toe Sts: 17 (19, 19, 22)]
- Rnd 3: K to M (A) knitting DS, SM, k2tog, k 5 ( 6, 6, 8), k2tog, k 6 ( 7, 7, 8), k2tog, SM (B), SSK 2x, k1, T, M-DS, p to M (A), SM, p2tog 2x, p1, T, M-DS, k to end of rnd knitting DS.  
[Side Sts: 31 (34, 36, 41), Toe Sts: 14 (16, 16, 19)]
- Rnd 4: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 29 (32, 34, 39), Toe Sts: 14 (16, 16, 19)]
- Rnd 5: K to M (A) knitting DS, SM, k2tog, k 10 (12, 12, 15), k2tog, SM (B), SSK 2x, k1, T, M-DS, p to M (A), SM, p2tog 2x, p1, T, M-DS, k to end of rnd knitting DS.  
[Side Sts: 27 (30, 32, 37), Toe Sts: 12 (14, 14, 17)]

SIZE S: Continue to Rnd 6 in "All Sizes" below.

SIZES M (L) ONLY:

Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 28 (30), Toe Sts: 14 (14)]

Rnd 7: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 26 (28), Toe Sts: 14 (14)]

Continue to Rnd 8 in "All Sizes" below.

Size XL ONLY:

Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 35, Toe Sts: 17]

Rnd 7: K to M (A) knitting DS, SM, k2tog, k 13, k2tog, SM (B), SSK 2x, k1, T, M-DS, p to M (A), SM, p2tog 2x, p1, T, M-DS, k to end of rnd knitting DS.  
[Side Sts: 33, Toe Sts: 15]

Rnd 8: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 31, Toe Sts: 15]

Rnd 9: Repeat Rnd 2  
[Side Sts: 29, Toe Sts: 15]

ALL SIZES:

Rnd 6 (8, 8, 10): K2tog 3 (0, 0, 0)x, (k1, k2tog) 6 (6, 3, 0)x, (k2, k2tog) 0 (1, 4, 6)x, k 0 (1, 0, 2), k-DS, k 2, RM (A), k 12 (14, 14, 15), RM (B), k 3 (4, 3, 5), (SSK, k2) 0 (1, 4, 6)x, (SSK, k1) 6 (6, 3, 0)x, SSK 3 (0, 0, 0)x. [Total Sts: 48 (52, 56, 61)]

**Cut C1 yarn.**

#### Step 5) I-Cord Set-Up for Buttoned Cuff:

In this step, you'll knit around the base of the shoe working an I-cord BO and CO *at the same time*. This is the decorative foundation for the buttoned cuff that is worked in Step 6. Follow the directions for the correct shoe (R or L) below:

##### RIGHT SHOE:

Change start of round by slipping 7 (7, 8, 9) sts from R needle to L needle. Start of round is now on the R side of the shoe.

##### I-Cord Button Band Set-Up:

Using circular needle (holding shoe) and C1, CO 3 sts. (These 3 sts are not connected to the shoe sts.) Slip these 3 sts back to L needle. \*KFB, k2, slip 3 sts from R needle back to L needle,\* rep between \*\* until the total number of CO sts is 11 (13, 13, 14).

(NOTE: This CO st button band will be whipstitched **inside** the shoe in Step 7.)

##### I-Cord BO & CO around shoe:

\*KFB, k1, k2tog TBL (last I-cord st with 1 shoe st), slip 3 sts back to L needle,\* rep between \*\* to end of rnd. (After all shoe sts have been worked, do not slip 3 sts back to L needle.)  
[59 (65, 69, 75) sts on needle]

Continue to Step 6.



## LEFT SHOE:

Change start of round by slipping 7 (7, 8, 9) sts from L needle to R needle. Start of round is now on the L side of the shoe.

### I-Cord Set-Up:

With circular needle (holding shoe) and scrap yarn, CO 3 sts provisionally (see pg 6). Work the I-Cord set-up rows below:

- Row 1: K 3, slip 3 sts back to L needle.  
Row 2: K 2, k2tog TBL (last I-cord st with 1 shoe st), slip 3 sts back to L needle.  
Row 3: Rep Row 2  
Row 4: Rep Row 2

### I-Cord BO & CO around shoe:

\*KFB, k1, k2tog TBL (last I-cord st with 1 shoe st), slip 3 sts back to L needle;\* rep between \*\* to end of rnd.

### I-Cord Button Band:

With last 3 sts slipped back to L needle, **PM**, and:  
\*KFB, k2, slip 3 sts from R needle back to L needle;\* rep between \*\* until there are 14 (16, 16, 17) sts total on L side of M. (After all CO sts have been worked, do not slip 3 sts back to L needle.)

(NOTE: This CO st button band will be whipstitched **inside** the shoe in Step 7.)

Now, carefully remove provisional CO and place 2 sts onto end of circular needle. There should be 61 (67, 71, 77) sts on needle.

### Step 6) Buttoned Cuff:

The cuff is now worked flat in rows.

## RIGHT SHOE:

Work Rows 1-8 4 (5, 5, 5)x total, then work Row 1 again.

- Row 1 (WS): P3, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl 3 pw wyif.  
Row 2 (RS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl 3 pw wyib.  
Row 3: P3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl 3 pw wyif.  
Row 4: K3, (k1, p1) to last 8 sts, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, k1, sl 3 pw wyib.  
Row 5: Rep Row 1  
Row 6: Rep Row 2  
Row 7: Rep Row 3  
Row 8: K3, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl 3 pw wyib.

Continue to I-Cord Bind Off (at right).



## LEFT SHOE:

Work Rows 1-8 4 (5, 5, 5)x total, then work Row 1 again.

- Row 1 (WS): P3, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl 3 pw wyif.  
(RM on 1st x.)  
Row 2 (RS): K3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl 3 pw wyib.  
Row 3: P3, (p1, k1) to last 4 sts, p1, sl 3 pw wyif.  
Row 4: K3, k1, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, (p1, k1) to last 3 sts, sl 3 pw wyib.  
Row 5: Rep Row 1  
Row 6: Rep Row 2  
Row 7: Rep Row 3  
Row 8: K3, (k1, p1) to last 4 sts, k1, sl 3 pw wyib.

### I-Cord Bind Off:

Work an I-Cord BO as follows:

\*K2, k2tog TBL, slip 3 sts from R needle back to L needle;\* rep between \*\* until only 6 sts remain.

Break yarn and thread tapestry needle. Place 3 sts on each end of circular needle. Being careful not to twist sts, hold the needles together so that the needle with the live yarn is in the back. Graft the I-cord edges together using Kitchener St. See full instructions on page 6.

### Step 7) Finishing:

Place CO button band flap (without button holes) **inside** shoe and whipstitch at base to shoe. Weave in ends. Block, if desired. Sew on buttons. For instructions on how to button down (as pictured at left), see page 6.

To make non-slip, put fabric paint on the soles. Dots and squiggly line designs work well.

Repeat again for second slipper, being careful to work the opposite shoe (R or L).

## PROVISIONAL CAST ON

For a video tutorial, see: <http://tutorials.knitpicks.com/wptutorials/crocheted-provisional-cast-on>

(I prefer the provisional cast on method shown in the video, as opposed to the version shown in pictures.)

NOTE: When removing the provisional CO/scrap yarn, you will end up with 1 less live stitch than originally CO. The pattern accounts for this.

## KITCHENER STITCH

Step 1) Insert needle through 1st st on front needle as if to p, leaving st on needle.

Step 2) Insert needle through 1st st on back needle as if to k, leaving st on needle.

Step 3) Insert needle through 1st st on front needle as if to k, and slip st off needle. Then, insert needle through next st on front needle as if to p, leaving st on needle.

Step 4) Insert needle through 1st st on back needle as if to p, and slip st off needle. Then, insert needle through next st on back needle as if to k, leaving st on needle.

Repeat Steps 3 & 4 until there is only 1 st on the back and front needles. Insert needle through the back st as if to purl, slipping st off needle, and through the front st as if to k, slipping st off needle.

## ABBREVIATIONS

bef - before  
BO - bind off  
CO - cast on  
DS - "double stitch"  
K - knit  
k-DS 1x/2x - Knit double stitch (as a k2tog) a total of 1/2 times.  
K2tog - knit two together  
KFB - K into the front and back of 1 st. (1 st increased)  
kw - knitwise (as if to knit)  
L - left  
M - marker  
M-DS - "make double stitch" - See German Short Rows tutorial.  
P - purl  
p-DS 1x/2x - Purl double stitch (as a p2tog) a total of 1/2 times.  
p2tog - purl two together  
pw - purlwise (as if to purl)  
p-u - pick up and knit  
R - Row; or "Right" (as opposed to "Left")  
rep - repeat  
Rnd - round  
RM - remove marker  
Sl - Slip 1 stitch purlwise from left to right needle. If right side is facing, hold yarn in back. If wrong side is facing, hold yarn in front.  
SM - slip marker  
SSK - "slip slip knit" - Slip 2 sts kw. Insert L needle into the front loops of the slipped sts and k them together from this position (through the back loops).  
T - turn the knitting so opposite side is now facing.  
TBL - through back loop  
wyib - with yarn in back  
wyif - with yarn in front  
x - times

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## GERMAN SHORT ROWS

This is a simplified version of the typical "wrap and turn" short row. Not only is it easier, but it gives a more seamless result.

Picture Tutorial:

<https://blog.tincanknits.com/2015/05/14/german-short-rows/>

Video Tutorial: <http://verypink.com/2014/12/31/german-short-rows/>

### To make a double st (M-DS):

- 1) Work as specified to the turning point in the row.
- 2) After turning, slip the first stitch purlwise with the yarn in front.
- 3) Tightly pull the yarn up and over the top of the slipped st and needle to the back of the work. This will make the stitch look as if there are 2 stitches instead of 1.

If the next stitch is a k stitch: keep the yarn in the back

If the next stitch is a p stitch: bring the yarn to the front.

- 4) Continue working with a tighter tension for the next 1 to 2 stitches.

### To work a double st:

**K-DS)** Work to the double stitch, and k it as if it were one (like a k2tog).

**P-DS)** Work to the double stitch, and p it as if it were one (like a p2tog).

## HOW TO BUTTON DOWN

- 1) Fasten the bottom two buttons and fold the top cuff down.
- 2) Flip the button edge back so that the buttons are visible and facing out.
- 3) Lay the button hole cuff over the buttons and fasten each button.

