

Knit for Peace

Ballet Slippers 0-18 months

These little pumps are very simple to knit. Add soft velvet ribbon ties in a shade to match the yarn. You'll need such a small amount of yarn it will be a great way to use up some of those tail-ends from other projects. Velvet ribbon has been used on the shoes shown here – but you could use any scrap of pretty fabric or felt.

Size

To fit sizes 0–6 [6–9: 9–12: 12–18] months

Tension

22 sts and 40 rows to 4in (10cm), measured over garter stitch, using 3.25mm needles. Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.



Materials

1 x 50g Double Knitting
1 pair of 3.25mm (UK10:US3) needles
Stitch holder
Tapestry needle
1¼yd (1m) of ¾in (10mm) -wide velvet ribbon
Sewing needle
Sewing thread to match ribbon
[Sample uses Artesano DK 100% Alpaca yarn in shade CA13 sweet Pea (A)]

Shoe (make 2)

Cast on 37[41:45:49] sts.

Row 1: Knit each st tbl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, m1, k17[19:21:23], m1, k1, m1, k17[19:21:23], m1, k1 (41[45:49:53] sts).

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: K1, m1, k19[21:23:25], m1, k1, m1, k19[21:23:25], m1, k1 (45[49:53:57] sts).

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: K22[24:26:28], m1, k1, m1, k22[24:26:28] (47[51:55:59] sts).

Knit 5[7:9:11] rows.

Next row: K21[23:25:27], sl1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, k21[23:25:27] (45[49:53:57] sts).

Next row: Knit.



8¼[9:9½:9¾]in (22[23:24:25]cm). On each piece, fold under approximately 3/16in (5mm) at one end and, using matching sewing thread, securely stitch one on each side of each shoe.

Adding the soles

Cut out two sole shapes using the template. Refer to the sizes to make sure your pattern has printed out at the correct size. Leather, needle-cord or suedette would also make good fabrics for this purpose.



1 Use two pieces of fabric, each at least 8 x 12in (20 x 30cm), and transfer the sole pattern in the desired size twice on to the wrong side of one of the pieces. Place them right sides together, and stitch through both layers, following the lines and leaving a gap of about 1¼–1½in (3–4cm) on one of the straight sides of each sole.

Next row: K20[22:24:26], sl1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, k20[22:24:26] (43[47:51:55] sts).

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K19[21:23:25], sl1, k1, pss0, k1, k2tog, k19[21:23:25] (41[45:49:53] sts).

Shape first side of heel

Next row: K9[11:13:15] and place on holder, cast off 23 sts, knit to end.

Knit 3 rows on these 9[11:13:15] sts.

Cast off.

Shape second side of heel

Rejoin yarn to inner edge of sts on holder and knit 4 rows.

Cast off.

Making up

Fold shoe in half, with right sides together, and stitch back seam, then oversew seam along centre of sole. Weave in all yarn ends neatly. Turn right sides out.

Cut four lengths of ribbon each measuring

2 Cut out the shapes, adding a ¼in (6mm) seam allowance all round.



3 Turn each sole right sides out, tuck in the seam allowance on the open edge, and slipstitch the folded edges together to close the gap.

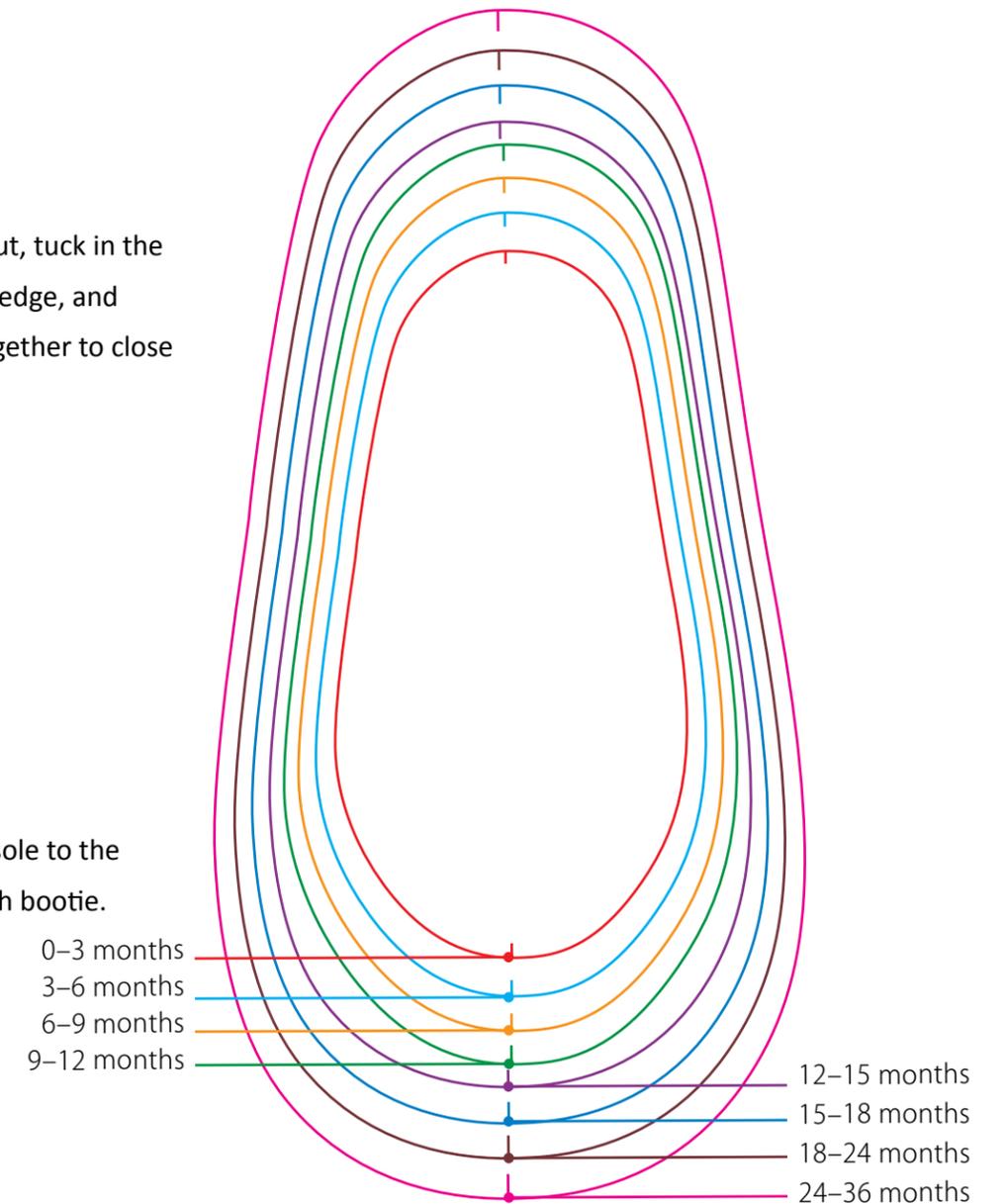


4 Slipstitch the edge of each sole to the outer edge at the base of each bootie.



approx. age	length (cm)	length (in)
0–3 months	9.5cm	3¾in
24–36 months	16cm	6¼in

CENTRE BACK



0–3 months
3–6 months
6–9 months
9–12 months

12–15 months
15–18 months
18–24 months
24–36 months

CENTRE FRONT

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