

Flowerpot Tots

DK Shorties and Longies in 4 sizes.

These shorties and longies are knitted flat in one piece with a seam at the front making them ideal for beginner knitters or for working your own intarsia or embroidery designs.

You will need:

2.75 mm needles
3.25 mm needles
4 stitch markers
4 mm crochet hook
Pure new wool DK/light worsted
approx 100g - 150g for shorties
approx 150g - 250g for longies



Tension

24 stitches and 32 rows over 4" (10cm) in stocking stitch and 3.25mm needles.

Sizes: Small (Medium, Large, X Large)

	Hips	Rise	Inside Leg
Small	17"	16"	6"
Medium	19"	18"	8"
Large	21"	20"	10"
X Large	23"	22"	11"

Shorties Only

Using 2.75 mm needles cast on 50 (58, 66, 74) sts. Work 8 rows 2 x 2 rib. Break off yarn and make another cuff in the same way (cast on stitches using thumb method onto the same needle as previous cuff). Change to 3 ¼mm needles.

Longies Only

Using 3.25 mm needles cast on 50 (58, 66, 74) sts. Knit 6 rows garter stitch and continue in stocking stitch (starting with a knit row) until work measures 5 (7, 9, 10) inches, ending with a purl row. Make a second leg in the same way.

Shorties and Longies Gusset Shaping

Cast on 7 (8, 9, 10) sts. Knit 1st leg, cast on 12 (14, 16, 18) sts, knit 2nd leg, cast on 7 (8, 9, 10) sts. 126 (146, 166, 186) stitches.

Next Row: purl to end.

Next Row: K6 (7, 8, 9), K2tog, place marker, K48 (56, 64, 72), place marker, K2tog, K10 (12, 14, 16), K2tog, place marker, K48 (56, 64, 72), place marker, K2tog, K6 (7, 8, 9).

Next Row: Purl, slip markers.

Next Row: Knit to last 2 stitches before 1st stitch marker, K2tog, slip marker. Knit up to 2nd marker, slip marker, k2 tog, knit to last 2 stitches before 3rd marker, k2tog, slip marker, knit to 4th marker, slip marker, k2tog, knit to end. (In English you are decreasing 1 stitch before the 1st marker, after the second marker, before the 3rd marker and after the 4th marker).

Next Row: purl, slip marker stitches

Repeat last 2 rows until 2 stitches remain between 2nd and 3rd markers.

Next Row: Purl, remove marker stitches. 102 (118, 134, 150) stitches. Continue in Stocking Stitch until work measures 7 (8, 9, 10) inches from gusset.

Shape Back

K69 (81, 93, 105) turn
Slip 1, P35 (43, 51, 59), turn
Slip 1, K28 (36, 44, 52), turn
Slip 1, P21 (29, 37, 45), turn
Slip 1, K14 (22, 30, 38), turn
Slip 1, P7 (15, 23, 31), turn
Slip 1, Knit to end
Purl to end

Change to 2.75 mm needles.

Work 6 rows 2 x 2 rib.

K1, *K2tog, yarn over twice, K2. Repeat from * until last stitch, K1
Work 5 rows 2 x 2 rib. Cast off in rib.

Sew front and gusset seams using mattress stitch. Make a crochet cord for the drawstring waist using 2 strands of wool and a 4 mm hook. Work crochet chains until the cord is about 36" long. Thread the drawstring through the eyelets in the waistband and secure in the middle of the back with a couple of stitches to ensure the drawstring cannot be removed. Treat with lanolin wool cure.

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