

Teeny Tiny Mary Janes

A knitsofacto design

To fit: 0-4mths approx.

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The classic Mary Jane shoe, traditionally worn by both girls and boys, knitted for teeny tiny feet in the softest, pure wool 4ply. May be fastened with buttons or ribbon ties.

Recommended yarn

- Rowan Pure Wool 4ply, 50g

Needles

- 2.75 mm (US 2) straight needles

Notions

- 2 small buttons or a length of fine ribbon
- Needle and thread for attaching buttons

Gauge

28 stitches and 50 rows to 4"/10cm,
measured over garter stitch.

If necessary adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge.

Skills required

See Techniques below

Abbreviations

CCO Cable cast on	BO Bind off/cast off
K Knit	P Purl
YF Yarn forward	YB Yarn back
S1K Slip 1 st. knitwise	S1P Slip 1 st. purlwise
RS Right side	WS Wrong side
LHN Left needle	RHN Right needle
K1B Knit into stitch below	
PTBL Purl through back of loop	
M1 Pick up loop between sts, purl into back	
K2tog/P2tog Knit or purl 2 stitches together	
K2togtbl Knit 2 stitches together through the back of the loops	
P2togtbl Purl 2 stitches together through the back of the loops	
SSK Slip 1 knit, slip 1 knit, knit these 2 stitches together through the back loops	
YRN Yarn around needle	

Left Shoe

Cast on 32 stitches

Row 1 (RS) Knit

Row 2 K7, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K14, M1, K1, M1, K7

Rows 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Knit

Row 4 K9, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K17, M1, K1, M1, K8

Row 6 K11, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K20, M1, K1, M1, K9

Row 8 K13, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K23, M1, K1, M1, K10

Row 10 K15, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K26, M1, K1, M1, K11 (62 stitches)

Rows 12 to 25 K1, (K1B, YF, PTBL, YB) repeat instructions in brackets to last stitch, K1

Rows 26 and 27 Knit

Row 28 K6, SSK x6, K1, K2tog x 6, K31 (50 stitches)

Row 29 Knit

Row 30 (WS) Bind off 24 stitches knitwise, slip the stitch remaining on the RHN to the LHN, K2togtbl, K to end and turn

Row 31 CCO 21 stitches. Now, working back across these cast on stitches and the 25 stitches that were already on the needle, S1K, K19, S1P x 2 and drop the first of these stitches over the second and off the RHN (one stitch cast off), K to end (45 stitches)

Row 32 S1K, K to end

Row 33 S1K, K1, YRN x 2 (to make buttonhole), K2tog, K to end

Row 34 S1K, K to last 4 stitches, P into the first loop formed by the double YRN, K into the second, K2

Row 35 (RS) S1K, K2togtbl, K to end

BO knitwise to last 2 stitches, K2togtbl, complete BO, draw yarn end through final loop (this gives the strap a rounded end).

Right Shoe

Cast on 32 stitches

Row 1 Knit

Row 2 K7, M1, K1, M1, K14, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K7

Rows 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Knit

Row 4 K8, M1, K1, M1, K17, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K9

Row 6 K9, M1, K1, M1, K20, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K11

Row 8 K10, M1, K1, M1, K23, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K13

Row 10 K11, M1, K1, M1, K26, (M1, K1) x 3, M1, K15

Row 12 to 25 K1, (YF, PTBL, YB, K1B) repeat instructions in brackets to last stitch, K1

Rows 26 and 27 Knit

Row 28 K31, SSK x6, K1, K2tog x 6, K6 (50 stitches)

Row 29 Knit

Row 30 K25, bind off remaining 25 stitches knitwise, break yarn

Slip these stitches purlwise to RHN (25 stitches).

Next pull enough yarn from the ball (do not break yarn) to CCO 21 stitches on LHN

Slip these stitches purlwise to RHN (46 stitches), turn, and continuing to use the yarn that is coming from the ball ...

Row 31 (WS) S1P, P19, P2togtbl, P to end (45 stitches)

Row 32 S1P, P to end

Row 33 S1P, P1, YRN x 2 (to make buttonhole), P2tog, P to end

Row 34 S1P, P to last 4 stitches, K into the first loop formed by the double YRN, P into the second, P2

Row 35 S1P, P2togtbl, P to end

BO purlwise to last 2 stitches, P2togtbl, complete BO, draw yarn through final loop

Finish by sewing the sole and side seams, sewing in the yarn ends, and either tightly sewing a small button to each shoe (pictured below), or attaching a length of ribbon in lieu of a button (above) and passing one end of the ribbon through the buttonhole before tying a bow.



Techniques

To make a stitch

Pick up the loop between stitches with your RHN inserted from back to front, place the loop on the LHN without further twisting and then purl through the back of the loop by inserting the right needle into the back of the stitch from left to right and purling.

To work the rib section

Knit one below (K1B) by inserting the right needle, knitwise, into the stitch below the next stitch on the needle, knitting it, and pulling the just worked stitch and the stitch above it off the needle together.

Purl through the back of the loop (PTBL) by inserting the right needle into the back of the stitch from left to right and purling.

To bring yarn forward or take yarn back pass yarn between the last stitch on the RHN and the first stitch on the LHN.

To bind/cast off top of shoe and strap

Many knitters purl more loosely than they knit so you may need to bind off the right shoe (purlwise bind off) more tightly than the left (knitwise bind off) to compensate for this.

The Purl Bee has excellent tutorials for SSK, P2togtbl, etc. www.purlbee.com

For pattern support ask the knitsofacto Ravelry group, www.ravelry.com/groups/knitsofacto or email knitsofacto@yahoo.co.uk

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