

BABY RUNNERS

MATERIALS: Any double knitting weight yarn with a tension of 22sts/4"

Color A 1 ball

Color B 1 ball

3.25mm (US 3) and 3.5mm (US 4)

3.5mm crochet hook

SOLE: With color A, and 3.5mm (US 4) needles, cast on 6 sts for the toe edge. Working in garter stitch, increase at each end on every alternate row until 12 sts. Place a thread marker at the end of last row. Increase at each end on every alternate row once more. 14 sts. Work without shaping for 32 more rows. Decrease at each end of every alternate row until 6 sts. Cast off for the heel edge. Do not break yarn. With the yarn loop from the cast off row single crochet around the edge of the sole, 1 sc for every second row of knitting and 1 single crochet for each cast on and cast off stitch. 60 sts Change to color B and chain stitch into the single crochets of the previous round. Change back to A and work and single crochet for one more round. Break yarn.

FIRST UPPER SIDE. With 3.5mm (US 4) needles, beginning at the center of the heel, pick and knit 24 sts along the single crochet edge to the thread marker. K the first and last st of every row and work the remaining 22 sts in stocking stitch for 5 more rows. Next Row (Right Side): K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. On the following row, K1, P2tog, P to last st, K 1. Repeat the last two rows, 5 more times. 12 sts. Knit one row. Next wrong side row: Knit. This will create a foldline. Change to 3.25mm (US 3) needles and work 4 more rows in stocking stitch. Cast off. Work the opposite side in the same manner, beginning at the thread marker and picking up 24 sts towards the heel, reversing shaping.

TONGUE: With 3.5mm (US 4) needles and color A, pick up and K 6 sts from the single crochet edge of the toe. Purl next row. Working in stocking stitch, pick up and K 1 st from the single crochet edge at the beginning and end of every right side row until there are 12 sts. Change to color B and purl next row. On following right side row, pick up and K 1 st from the inside edge of each upper where they join the sole. On following wrong side row, P2tog at the beginning and end of every wrong side row. Repeat the last two rows 5 more times. Continue in stocking st, knitting the first and last st of each row for 17 rows. Cast off 2 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows. Cast off remaining 8 sts.

FINISHING: Sew seam up the back of the heel. Fold top of uppers along fold line row and sew to the inside. Chain stitch crocheted shoe laces about 16" long. Using tail ends and a darning needle, thread laces through the fronts of uppers, crossing 3 times as you would to lace up shoes. Embellish with stripes, a chain stitched circle or an embroidered star as you please.