

FELTED CHAIR BOOTIES - by Isa Webb

Don't you hate the sound of chairs being dragged across a tiled, wooden or linoleum floor? Whilst there are a few patterns around for chair leg covers, I wanted these booties to be thick, felted and longer lasting.

The felted chair booties are knit in one piece with no seams to sew! They fit a round or square chair leg circumference of between 14cm and 17cm (depending upon felting time). I have two patterns; one for square/rectangular legs and one for round legs (page 3).

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on	sts = stitches	BO = bind off
K = knit	P = purl	PM = place a marker
PU = pick up	garter st in the round (K one round, P one round)	MC = main colour
CC = contrast colour	Kfb = Inc by knitting into front and back of stitch	Inc = increase

SQUARE LEGS

Finished Felted Size:

3.5in (9cm) tall and 6.7in (17cm) in circumference.
*Please note that different yarns felt differently and produce different results.
**I knit a swatch about 6in (15cm) square and felted it. I used cardboard templates to cut out extra felt padding to go inside the booties for heavier chairs.

Materials:

Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted; about 15g or 25-30yd (23-28m) (*I also used Widsom Yarns Poems 100% Wool – variegated blue and purple ones*) 6mm (US10) circular needle (for magic loop) or set of 5 6mm (US10) dpns Tapestry needle Stitch marker

Gauge:

16 stitches and 28 rows = 4in (10cm) over garter stitch in the round (knit one round, purl one round)

DIRECTIONS:

Sole:

Using the long-tail method, loosely CO 8 sts. (*I stretch the space between each stitch by about* $\frac{1}{2}$ " to keep them loose).

Knit flat in garter st (K every row) for 13 rows (do not count the CO row). Weave in the tail for the first few sts. You've now knit a square tab \rightarrow







Body:

Pick up sts around the tab: using the current needle tip, turn the work sideways and PU 6 sts along the edge in the purl bumps. Turn the work and PU 8 sts along the CO edge. Turn the work and PU 6 sts along the edge in the purl bumps.

You should now have 28 sts on the needle \rightarrow

Divide the sts evenly. PM at the beginning of the round and knit in the round as follows: Round 1 - KRound 2 - PRepeat rounds 1 and 2 until 28 rows have been completed. (*if using two colours, work 10 rows with MC; 8 rows with CC and last 10 rows with MC*).

BO all sts somewhat loosely. On the last BO st, thread a tapestry needle and join the beginning and end of the row.

Finishing: weave in all ends.

Felting:

I hand felted these in a large bowl of hot tap water with dish detergent. I wore gloves and felted for 10 mins constantly dipping the knitting into the hot water. When happy with the fit, I rinsed the booties in cold water, wrung out moisture, and allowed them to dry. (*The blue and purple one is knit from Poems Wisdom Yarn. The orange/green version is knit from Brown Sheep Worsted*).

I have also felted these in a top loading washing machine together with a couple of old towels. I used the wash cycle for 20mins.











ROUND TAPERED LEGS

Finished Felted Size:

3.5in (9cm) tall and 3.5in (9cm) up to 5.1in (13cm) in circumference. *Please note that different yarns felt differently and produce different results. **I knit a swatch about 6in (15cm) square and felted it. I used cardboard templates to cut out extra felt padding to go inside the booties for heavier chairs.

Materials:

Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted; about 15g or 25-30yd (23-28m) (I also used Istex Lettlopi – purple, green and blue ones) 6mm (US10) circular needle (for magic loop) or set of 5 6mm (US10) dpns 6mm crochet needle Tapestry needle Stitch marker

Gauge:

16 stitches and 28 rows = 4in (10cm) over garter stitch in the round (knit one round, purl one round)

DIRECTIONS:

Sole:

Using a 6mm crochet hook and Emily Ocker's Circular Cast On, CO 9 sts. (https://youtu.be/4Vkpqdea-60) Round 1: PM at the beginning of the round and K around. Round 2: Kfb into every st (18 sts). Round 3: P around.

You've now knit a circle \rightarrow

<u>Body</u>: Knit every round, and on rounds 6, 12, 18 and 24 inc 2 sts by Kfb as follows:

Inc row:

(magic loop method: K 5 sts, then Kfb of the next st. K to end of needle. On second needle, K 5 sts then Kfb of next st. K to end of round. 2 sts inc.) (dpns: Needle 1: K 5 sts, then Kfb of the next st. Needle 2: K to end. Needle 3: Kfb of next st, K 5 sts. 2 sts inc.)

By the end of row 24 you should have 26 sts on the needle. (if using two colours, work 10 rows with MC; 8 rows with CC and last 10 rows with MC).

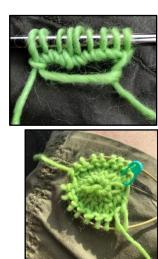
Row 25: P Row 26: K

BO all sts somewhat loosely. On the last BO st, thread a tapestry needle and join the beginning and end of the round.

Finishing: weave in all ends.







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