

# Checkerboard Gansey Bootie by Lisa Kay



## MATERIALS

Crystal Palace Panda Cotton [Approximately 12.5 yards for each bootie].  
Color: “Ketchup”

1 set US #1.5/2.5 mm needles (dpns or circular) or size to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

8 sts/11 rows = 1" in stockinette

## PATTERN NOTES

CO using your favorite toe-up technique. If you do not have experience with toe-up socks, I recommend, “Socks From The Toe Up,” by Wendy Johnson.

BO using Russian Bind Off, also described in “Socks From The Toe Up.”

**Checkerboard gansey pattern** stitch is:

Rows 1-6: [K4, p4] twice.

Rows 7-12: [P4, k4] twice.

(For second bootie, rows 7-12 come first, to make a mirror image, optional, of course.)

Kf&b: Knit front and back, increasing one.

Pf&b: Purl front and back, increasing one.

W&t: wrap and turn

## DIRECTIONS

### Toe

CO 16 total sts, 8 on each of two needles, using your favorite toe-up circular cast on.  
Knit one round.

Separate stitches onto either four dpns or two circulars. The first half of the sts will be considered the instep, and the second half the sole. Use either dpns or circulars, as you prefer to knit socks.



[K1, m1, knit to last two sts on instep, m1, k1.  
K1, m1, knit to last two sts on sole, m1, k1.  
K all sts for one round.]

Repeat until 32 sts are completed in the round.

### **Foot**

Work the instep in the checkerboard gansey pattern, and the sole in k, until three squares (1.5 pattern repeats, or 18 rows) have been completed.

### **Gusset**

Continuing in checkerboard gansey pattern for the instep, work the sole as follows:

[K1, m1, knit to last two sts of sole, m1, k1.  
K all sts for one round.]

Repeat until two more squares are completed, for five total squares (2.5 pattern repeats, or 30 rows)

since the toe, EXCEPT for the very last row on the sole, do not work, but go directly to the TURN HEEL instruction.

### **Turn Heel**

On the 30th row after the toe, for the sole sts, begin to turn the heel as follows:

K18, kf&b, k1, w&t.

P11, pf&b, p1, w&t.

K9, kf&b, k1, w&t.

P7, pf&b, p1, w&t.

### **Heel Flap**

K to the last 9, ssk, turn.

Sl1, p14, p2tog, turn.

[Sl1, k1] to 2 before the gap, sl1, ssk, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows until all the sts are used, 16 sts left in the flap.

### **Ribbing**

[P2, k2] for 4 rounds (or until desired height, or until yarn is just enough to bind off), and then BO all sts. Weave in ends.

## **ABOUT THE DESIGNER**



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