

How to Make a Baby Bootie Cake

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1) Cover a cookie sheet with foil. (If it has sides, turn it up-side-down as you don't want to have to work within the sides of the cookie sheet.)

2) Cut and arrange cake according to diagram below.

3) Frost with basic white frosting as-is or colored any color you like. Paste coloring works best as it doesn't thin down the frosting, but you can also use liquid. (This cake is actually white, but the lighting made it look ivory ~ which is pretty, too!)

4) Take a regular fork and start at one side, pulling it along the frosting in a zig-zag motion to form the first row of "knitting." (You can start at the top, bottom or center; it doesn't matter.) Do this lightly so you don't cut into the cake

5) Take a knife and drag it from one side of the cake to the other, right along the side of the zig-zaggy row of "knitting." Then do another row of "knitting," then a solid row, etc., until whole cake is covered.

6) To make the ribbon-tie at the ankle, cut four 1-inch pieces of ribbon, lay in place on the frosting with spaces between each, and then, using a narrow item, push the end of each piece down into frosting on each side so that it looks like they are woven through the bootie. (See photo). Add a separate bow to make a tie in the center, and flowers if desired.



Place the cut piece from below right (↘)
 ↓ here, connecting it to the main
 cake at the red lines.

Heights vary within a cake, (the outer edges are shorter; the center of the cake higher,) so this is why you want to turn the other piece 180° and fit it here, red line parts meeting. You may also need do some trimming and/or fill in gaps with frosting.

Guidelines for cutting and piecing together the cake

↖ This darker tan piece comes OUT and goes where the blue box is, above left. Turn it 180° so that the top of this section (red line) meets the top of the cake (other red line).

← Cut the cake where I have put the dotted lines with a sharp knife.

Original Cake – 9" x 13"
 (But any size rectangle cake will work!)

