

## Fingering Weight Toe-Up Socks With Gusset and Slip-Stitch Heel



**Gauge:** 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch

**Needle Size:** US size 0 dpns or size you need to attain gauge

**Yarn:** Fingering weight sock yarn (approximately 350 – 400 yards)

**Size:** Small (Medium, Large)

### Abbreviations:

K – knit

Kfb – knit in the front and back of the next stitch

P – purl

Pfb – purl in the front and back of the next stitch

M1 – make one

Sl – slip

SSK – Slip one stitch, then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position (through the back loops)

W&T – Wrap and turn. Bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to back of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, turn your work to begin working back in the other direction.

### Toe:

Create a slip knot and place it on 1 dpn. Using the backwards loop method, cast on 11 (13, 15) stitches and drop the slip knot of the needle. Knit 1 row. Using a second dpn, pick up and knit 10 (12, 14) stitches in the bumps in the bottom of the cast-on row.

Begin to work in the round: Divide the stitches over 4 dpns so that you have 5 (6, 7) stitches on each of 3 needles and 6 (7, 8) stitches on the 4<sup>th</sup> needle.

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit to the end

Needle 2: K until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 3: K 1, M1, knit to the end

Needle 4: K until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 57 (65, 73) stitches.

Separate the stitches as follows:

Needle 1 (instep) – 14 (16, 18) stitches

Needle 2 (instep) – 14 (16, 18) stitches

Needle 3 (sole) – 14 (16, 18) stitches

Needle 4 (sole) – 15 (17, 19) stitches

Work the foot until approximately 3" shy of the total length of the sock.

#### **Create the Gusset:**

**Round 1:** Knit across Needle 1 and Needle 2 (the instep stitches).

Needle 3: (sole stitches): K1, M1, knit across remaining stitches

Needle 4: Knit across to the last stitch, M1, K1.

**Round 2:** Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 49 (55, 61) stitches total on Needles 3 and 4.

#### **Turn the Heel:**

Slip all stitches from Needles 3 and 4 onto one needle. You will work back and forth on these stitches and will not knit the stitches on needles 1 and 2 while turning the heel.

Turn heel as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K33 (37, 41), kfb, k1, w&t

Row 2: P 20 (22, 24), pfb, p1, w&t

Row 3: K 18 (20, 22), kfb, k1, w&t

Row 4: P 16 (18, 20), pfb, p1, w&t

Row 5: K 14 (16, 18), kfb, k1, w&t

Row 6: P 12 (14, 16), pfb, p1, w&t

Row 7: K 10 (12, 14), kfb, k1, w&t

Row 8: P 8 (10, 12), pfb, p1, w&t

Needle now holds 57 (63, 69) stitches. On RS, knit to end of needle, knitting each wrap together with the st it wraps. Work across instep stitches.

Heel flap: Work back and forth on heel stitches:

Row 1 (RS): K 42 (47, 52) (knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps), ssk, turn

Row 2: Slip 1, p 27 (31, 35), p2tog, turn

Row 3: [slip 1, k1] 14 (16, 18) times, ssk, turn

Repeat Rows 2-3 until all side stitches have been worked, end having worked row 2.

Needle now holds 29 (33, 37) stitches.

Divide these 29 (33, 37) stitches over 2 needles and begin working in the round again. Work the leg as high as you like and use whatever finish you prefer: ribbing, picot edge, etc.

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