

Summer 2008 Socks

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Size: 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) inch circumference

Gauge: 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch in stockinette stitch

Needles: 2 US size 0 (2mm) circular needles (see note below) 16" or longer, or size to attain gauge

Yarn: Fingering weight sock yarn (approx. 300 – 400 yards, depending on size you are making)

Abbreviations:

K – knit

K2TOG – knit 2 together

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

M1 – make one

P – purl

P2TOG – purl 2 together

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

PSSO – pass slipped stitch(s) over

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)

TBL – through back loops

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

YO – yarnover

Notes:

This pattern is written for two circular needles. You can easily convert it to dpns by dividing the stitches over 4 dpns.

The pattern stitch is very stretchy, so I recommend you go down one size from the size you usually knit for the recipient.

When you work the "make 1" increases for the toe and the gusset, you can do a lifted increase, or knit in the front and back of a stitch, whichever you prefer. I prefer the "knit in the front and back of a stitch" method – I find it makes a neater increase with no hole.

Lace Pattern

Row 1: purl across

Row 2: knit across

Row 3: *yo, ssk* -- repeat between asterisks across

Toe:

Using the Turkish Cast-on method, (or another toe-up cast-on method like the Judy's Magic Cast-on), cast on a total of 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) stitches – 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) on each needle. Knit across the stitches on each needle once. On the next round increase 4 stitches thusly:

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 2: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 48 (56, 64, 72, 80) stitches: 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) on each needle.

Note: If you prefer a pointier toe, you can cast on fewer stitches, but be sure to increase until you have 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) stitches on each of the two needles.

Start the lace pattern: On Needle 1. Work the first row of the lace pattern over the next 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) stitches. Knit across Needle 2.

Continue in this manner, working as many repeats of the 3-row pattern as necessary until approximately 3" shy of the total length of the foot.

Create the Gusset:

Round 1: Work across Needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2: (sole stitches): K1, M1, knit across to the last stitch, M1, K1.

Round 2: Work across Needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2: (sole stitches): Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 42 (48, 54, 60, 66) stitches on Needle 2. On the last repeat of Round 2, increase 1 stitch in the center of the needle so that you have 43 (49, 55, 61, 67) stitches total on Needle 2. Work across Needle 1 in pattern.

Turn the Heel:

You will now work back and forth on the stitches on Needle 2 and will not knit the stitches on Needles 1 while turning the heel. Turn heel as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K29 (33, 37, 41, 45), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 2: P 18 (20, 22, 24, 26), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 3: K 16 (18, 20, 22, 24), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 4: P 14 (16, 18, 20, 22), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 5: K 12 (14, 16, 18, 20), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 6: P 10 (12, 14, 16, 18), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 7: K 8 (10, 12, 14, 16), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 8: P 6 (8, 10, 12, 14), PFB, P1, W&T

Needle 2 now holds 51 (57, 63, 69, 75) stitches, having just completed a wrong-side row. On the right side, knit to the end of Needle 2, knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps. Work across instep stitches on Needle 1 in the lace pattern.

Heel flap: Work back and forth on heel stitches on Needle 2:

Row 1 (RS): K 37 (42, 47, 52, 57) (knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps), SSK, turn

Row 2: SL 1, P 23 (27, 31, 35, 39), P2TOG, turn

Row 3: [SL 1, K 1] 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) times, SSK, turn

Repeat Rows 2-3 until all side stitches have been worked, end having worked Row 2. On the last round, decrease 1 stitch in the center of the work so that Needle 2 now holds 24 (28, 32, 36, 40) stitches

Beginning with the correct row in the pattern sequence, work the lace pattern over the stitches on Needle 1. Work the lace pattern over Needle 2 as you did on Needle 1, ensuring that you are starting with the right row in the pattern so that it corresponds with the pattern on Needle 1. When your sock is 1 inch short of the desired leg length, work in k1 p1 ribbing for 1 inch. Bind off very loosely in rib.

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