

BABY SOCKS

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Top down, plain and simple socks, but sized for quick knitting and extreme cuteness. An excellent emergency baby gift, or just a nice way to use up some leftovers.

Suitable for knitters with experience working in the round, but the pattern is written to be easy enough for a first pair of socks. Written for DPNs, Magic Loop or 2 Circulars – use which you prefer.

Materials

Sock/fingering weight yarn that matches gauge – 75 (100, 125) yds

Pretty much any sock yarn will do. Shown in Koigu KPPPM color: green mix, P139

2.5mm/US#1.5 needles for small circumference in the round: DPNs, 1 long circular or 2 short circulars

Removable stitch marker

Size & Finished Measurements

Size	Newborn	6 months	9-12 months
Foot circumference	4.25	4.75	5.25 inches
Foot length	3.5	4	5 inches

Gauge

30 sts and 44 rounds = 4 inches in stockinette stitch.

Stitch gauge is important; round gauge less so.

Glossary

K tbl: Knit the st through the back loop.

Sl 1: Slip the next stitch as if to purl.

SSK: Slip next two sts, one-by-one, as if to knit. Insert tip of left needle into the fronts of these two stitches from left to right, and knit them together.

METHOD

Cuff and Leg

Cast on 32 (36, 40) sts. Distribute across needles as you prefer and join for working in the round. *Ribbing round:* [K2, p2] around.

Work ribbing as set for 2.5 (3, 3) inches.

Notes & Tips

- It's easiest to work the ribbing if you make sure each needle has a multiple of four stitches on it.
- There's no need to place a marker – you keep track of the start of the round by watching your yarn tails. When the working yarn lines up with the cast on tail, you're at the start of the round. If you do want to use a marker, wait until you've knitted a couple of rounds and place a removable stitch marker in the fabric near the cast on tail.

Heel flap

Row 1 (RS): K16 (18, 20) sts, turn.

The remaining 16 (18, 20) sts will be held, and used later for the instep. Slip them to a single needle.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, p15 (17, 19), turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k15 (17, 19), turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p15 (17, 19), turn.

Repeat the last *Rows 3 & 4* 5 (6, 7) more times, until 14 (16, 18) rows total have been worked. RS is facing.

Heel turn

Row 1 (RS): K11 (12, 13), ssk, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, p6, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k6, ssk, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p6, p2tog, turn.

Repeat *Rows 3 & 4* 2 (3, 4) more times, until 8 sts rem on heel.

Final heel row (RS): K8 heel sts.

Note and Tips:

- When working the heel turn rows, there will be stitches left over at the end of the row. This is normal! Each decrease uses up one of the stitches at the ends of the rows.
- The decrease is always worked "over the gap".

Gusset

With RS facing, using the needle holding the heel sts, pick up and knit 8 (9, 10) stitches along the first side of the heel flap, using the slipped sts as a guide. With a new needle, knit across the 16 (18, 20) instep sts. With a new needle, pick up and knit 8 (9, 10) sts down the second side of the heel flap, using the slipped sts as a guide. With that same needle, k4 from the heel.

You're now positioned in the center of the heel. This is the new start of round. 40 (44, 48) sts: 16 (18, 20) instep sts grouped together on one needle; 24 (26, 28) on sole. If you're on Magic Loop or 2 circulars, these sole stitches will be on the same needle, you'll need to place a marker for start of round. If you're using DPNs, the sole stitches will be divided across two needles.

Gusset round 1: K4, k8 (9, 10) tbl; k16 (18, 20) instep sts; k8 (9, 10) tbl, k to end of round.

Gusset round 2: K to 3 sts before instep, k2tog, k1; k instep sts; k1, ssk, k to end of round. 2 sts decreased.

Gusset round 3: Knit around.

Repeat *Gusset rounds 2 & 3* 3 more times, until 32 (36, 40) sts rem.

Foot

Knit even until foot measures 2.75 (3, 4) inches from back of heel.

Toe

Decrease round: K to 3 sts before instep, k2tog, k1; k1, ssk, k to 3 sts before end of instep, k2tog, k1; k1, ssk, k to end of round. 4 sts decreased.

Following round: Knit around.

Repeat the last 2 rounds 2 (3, 3) more times, until 20 (20, 24) sts rem.

Work the *Decrease round* only 3 (3, 4) times, until 8 sts rem. Cut yarn and pull through final sts to secure.

Finishing

Wash and weave in ends.