



## Tootsie Socks

*No matter what color you make these socks, you're sure to get "oohs" and "ahs" at the next baby shower. They knit up quickly so you'll have time to make them in a whole wardrobe of colors!*

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**Socks fit 3-9 months.**

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:** 1 ball 9935 Blue Earth Print.

**Double Pointed Knitting Needles:** 4.5mm [US 7].  
Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4"; 24 rnds = 4" in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATION:

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** = Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle; insert point of left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together from this position.

### SOCKS

#### Cuff

Cast on 24 sts, divided evenly on 3 needles, join to work in the round, making sure sts are not twisted.

**Rnd 1:** \* K2, P2; repeat from \* around.

Repeat Round 1 for 3". Knit 2 rounds, dividing sts on last round as follows: **Needle 1:** 10 sts; **Needle 2:** 7 sts; **Needle 3:** 7 sts.

#### Heel Flap

Work back and forth only on Needle 1:

**Row 1:** [Slip 1, K1] 5 times.

**Row 2:** Slip 1, P9.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 four times.

#### Turn Heel

**Row 1:** K7, ssk, TURN.

**Row 2:** Slip 1, P4, P2tog, turn.

**Row 3:** Slip 1, K4, ssk.

**Row 4:** Slip 1, P4, P2tog – 6 sts.

#### Gusset

**Needle 1:** Knit 6 sts of Heel, then pick up and K5 sts along the edge of the heel flap; **Needle 2:** K5, K2tog, and then ssk, K5 across next needle; **Needle 3:** pick up and K5 sts along the other edge of the heel flap, K3 sts from Needle 1 – 28 sts; **Needle 1:** 8 sts; **Needle 2:** 12 sts; **Needle 3:** 8 sts.

#### Foot

**Round 1:** **Needle 1:** K5, K2tog, K1; **Needle 2:** K4, K2tog, ssk, K4; **Needle 3:** K1, ssk, K5 – 24 sts.

**Rounds 2 and 4:** Knit.

**Round 3:** **Needle 1:** K4, K2tog, K1; **Needle 2:** Knit; **Needle 3:** K1, ssk, K4 – 22 sts.

**Round 5:** **Needle 1:** K3, K2tog, K1; **Needle 2:** Knit; **Needle 3:** K1, ssk, K3 – 20 sts.

Work even (Knit every round) until foot measures 2½" from picked up sts.

#### Toe

**Round 1:** **Needle 1:** K2, K2tog, K1; **Needle 2:** K1, ssk, K4, K2tog, K1; **Needle 3:** K1, ssk, K2 – 16 sts.

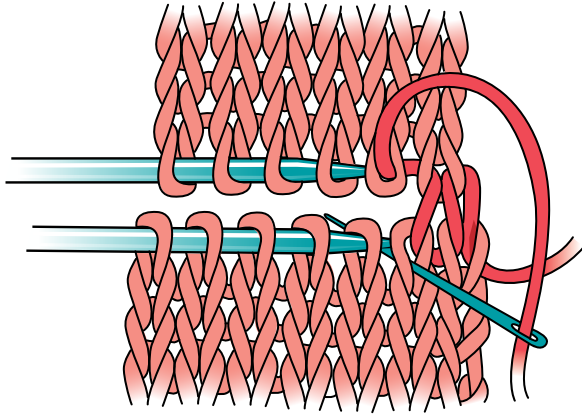
**Round 2:** Knit.

**Round 3:** **Needle 1:** K1, K2tog, K1; **Needle 2:** K1, ssk, K2, K2tog, K1; **Needle 3:** K1, ssk, K1 – 12 sts. With Needle 3, K3 from Needle 1 – 6 sts on each of 2 needles. Cut yarn leaving an 18" end. Graft toe sts together.



### Grafting

Thread yarn needle with yarn. Keeping the yarn needle and yarn under the points of the knitting needles, and holding the 2 needles together with yarn at the right of the back needle, work as follows:



1. Insert the yarn needle as if to purl in the first stitch of the front needle. Pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.
2. Insert the yarn needle as if to knit into the first stitch of the back needle. Pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.
3. Insert the yarn needle as if to knit in the first stitch of the front needle (the same stitch as before) and slide this stitch off the needle. Insert the yarn needle into the next stitch on the front needle as if to purl, but leave the stitch on the needle.
4. Insert the yarn needle as if to purl in the next stitch on the back needle, and slide this stitch off the needle. Insert the yarn needle in next stitch on back needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through, but leave this stitch on the needle. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches are grafted. Take care to draw yarn up so that gauge of grafting equals gauge of knitting. Fasten off. Weave in ends on wrong side.



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Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g),  
256 yd (234 m); multicolor 4 oz (113 g), 204  
yd (187 m) and smart print 3 oz (85 g), 153 yd  
(140 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **st(s)** = stitch(es); **k** = knit; **p** = purl;  
**P2tog** = purl two stitches together; **K2tog** = knit two stitches  
together.