



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY



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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps™:** 1 ball 9530 Royal Lilac

**Susan Bates® Double-pointed knitting needles:** one set 5mm [US 8]

Yarn needle, Stitch marker

**GAUGE:** 18 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st (knit every rounds). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**



**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®, Art. E746** available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m); multi color 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) and smart print 3 Oz (85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls.

# Baby Socks

These snuggly socks will stay on baby's feet even when they're happily kicking! Knit them with love in a wardrobe of colors.

**Finished Length Measurement:** 4½" [11 cm]

**Directions are for size 6-9 months**

## Special Stitches

**K2tog** = Knit 2 sts together.

**P2tog** = Purl 2 sts together.

**SSK** = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

**WYIB** = With yarn in back.

**WYIF** = With yarn in front.

## SOCK (Make 2) Cuff

Cast on 20 sts. Divide sts evenly around 3 double pointed needles. Join to work in rounds, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 1:** \*K1, p1, repeat from \* around. Repeat Round 1 until piece measures 1¼" [3 cm] from beginning.

## Leg

**Divide sts around needles as follows:**

**Needle #1:** 5 sts.

**Needle #2:** 10 sts.

**Needle #3:** 5 sts.

Knit every Round until leg measures 2½" [6 cm] from beginning.

## Heel Flap

Knit across Needle #1 and Needle #2.

**Working on Needle #2 only, and starting with a wrong side row:**

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Slip 1 wyif, p9.

**Row 2 (Right Side):** \*Slip 1 wyib, k1; repeat from \* across row.

Repeat Rows 1-2, 3 times more.

## Heel

Continue on Needle #2 only.

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Slip 1 wyif, p4, p2tog, p1, turn work.

**Row 2 (Right Side):** Slip 1 wyib, k1, ssk, k1, turn work.

**Row 3:** Slip 1 wyif, p2, p2tog, p1, turn work.

**Row 4:** Slip 1 wyib, k3, ssk, k1, turn work.

**Row 5:** Slip 1 wyif, p3, p2tog, turn work.

**Row 6:** Slip 1 wyib, k2, ssk—4 sts remain. Do not turn.

## Gusset

With right side facing, using Needle #2, pick up and knit 6 sts along the edge of the Heel Flap. Using a new needle, knit across Needle #3 and Needle #1 (combining sts onto one needle—10 sts). Using another needle, pick up and knit 6 sts along opposite side of Heel Flap, and knit 2 sts from Needle #2. This is the new beginning of Round. You now have 8 sts on 2 needles and 10 on the other needle.

## Heel Gusset

### Round 1:

New Needle #1: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

**New Needle #2:** Knit 10 sts.

**New Needle #3:** K1, ssk, knit to end of needle.

**Round 2:** Knit 1 Round.

Repeat last 2 Rounds until 5 sts remain on Needles #1 and #3 and 10 sts on Needle #2—20 sts total.

## Foot

Work even until foot measures 2½" [6 cm] from picked up Gusset sts.

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## Shape Toe

### Round 1:

Needle #1: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle #2: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle #3: K1, ssk, k to end.

### Round 2:

Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1-2, once more.  
Repeat Round 1, once more until 8 sts remain.

2 sts on Needles #1 and #3, 4 sts on Needle #2. Using Needle #3, knit across Needle #1 so that there are 2 needles, each with 4 sts.

## FINISHING

Cut yarn, Graft toe sts together as explained below, weave in ends and block lightly.

### Grafting

Thread yarn needle with long length of yarn. Hold the two needles in the left hand with wrong sides together. Keeping the yarn needle and yarn under the points of the knitting needles, graft the stitches together as follows:

1. \*Insert yarn needle through first st of front needle as if to knit and slip the st off.
2. Insert needle through 2nd st of front needle as if to purl, but leave the st on the needle.
3. Insert yarn through first st on back needle as if to purl and slip the st off.
4. Insert yarn through 2nd stitch on back needle as if to knit, but leave st on needle. Repeat from \* until all the sts are joined. Take care to draw yarn up so that gauge of grafting equals gauge of knitting. Fasten off. Weave in ends on wrong side.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**K** = knit; **K2tog** = Knit two sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **P2tog** = Purl two sts together; **Ssk** = slip, slip, knit; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\* or \*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

### Grafting

