

These itty-bitty socks are knit from the top down with a heel-flap construction. The toe is grafted together. These socks will fit most baby feet up to 6 months old.

Yarn: 70 yds of fingering weight

"sock" yarn

Needles: 2.25mm/US1 double pointed needles (set of 4)

Gauge: 30 st = 4"/10cm

Other tools: darning needle

Cuff

CO 32sts and distribute among 3 needles (8sts-16sts-8sts). Join in the round and be careful not to twist.

*K1, P1, repeat from *, until cuff measures approx. 3" from cast on edge, ending at the end of Needle #1.

HEEL FLAP

This section is worked flat (back and forth) across the 16 sts on Needle #2

Row 1 (RS): *SI1, K1, repeat from * to end of Needle #2.

Row 2 (WS): SI1, P to end of Needle #2.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 seven more times (for a total of 8 repeats). Repeat Row 1 one more time.

TURNING HEEL

Setup A (WS): SI1, P8, P2tog, P1, turn.

Setup B (RS): SI1, K3, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 1 (WS): SI1, P to 1 st before gap made by previous turn, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, K to 1 st before gap made by previous turn, SSK, K1, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 two more times (10 sts remaining on needle #2)

GUSSET

Pick up and knit 8 sts along the left side of the heel flap.

Knit across the stitches held on Needles #1 and #3, combining these 16sts onto one needle.

Pick up and knit 8 sts along the right side of the heel flap, then knit 5 sts from heel turn and combine with right-side flap sts.

The beginning-of-round now occurs in the middle of the bottom of the heel. There should be 13sts-16sts-13sts on the three needles.

Decreasing Round 1: K to last 3 sts on the needle, K2tog, K1, K16, K1, SSK, K to end of round. (2 sts decreased)

Decreasing Round 2: K

Repeat Decreasing Rounds 1 and 2 four more times (8-16-8 stitches remain on the three needles).

FOOT AND TOE

Continue in plain stockinette (K every stitch) until the sock measures 0.75"/2cm shorter than the total desired length.

(If you can, try the sock on the intended foot to check fit and length.)

Decreasing Round A: K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1, K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, k1, k1, SSK, K to end of round. (4 sts decreased)

Decreasing Round B: K

Repeat only Decreasing Round A three more times (16 sts decreased total.)

K across needle #1, then combine sts on Needles 1 & 3. Two needles remain, each with 8 sts.

Break yarn with 12" tail and thread onto a darning needle (DN). Hold the two needles parallel in the left hand, begin at the right-most stitches:

- 1. Insert DN into 1st st on front needle purlwise and pull yarn through, leaving st on needle.
- 2. Insert DN into 1st st on rear needle knitwise and pull yarn through, leaving st on needle.

- 3. Insert DN into 1st st on front needle knitwise, letting st fall off needle, then insert DN into next st on front needle purlwise, leaving st on needle, pull yarn through.
- 4. Insert DN into 1st st on rear needle purlwise, letting st fall off needle, then insert DN into next st on rear needle knitwise, leaving st on needle, pull yarn through.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all sts are grafted together.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

K2tog – knit 2 together

SSK – slip 2 sts knitwise, move both to left needle and K 2 together through back of loop

P2tog – purl 2 together

Sl1 – slip stitch

CO - cast on

RS - right side

WS – wrong side

St(s) – stitch(es)

BOR - Beginning of round