



Bird Walking Sock Pattern

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Yarn: Tofutsies by SWTC
Needles: #1
Size: Women's medium
Gauge: 7.5/inch

If you are a fairly new sock knitter, you may want to reference **My First Socks** Pattern to clarify these instructions.

This pattern assumes you have some experience and some decided opinions about knitting socks. Thanks to **Cindy Love** for helping to correct row 6.

Here's how I made these:

Cast on 72 sts. K2, p2 for one inch.

Cuff Pattern: Based on Barbara Walker, Vol. 1, p. 106, Mock Gull, an 8-stitch repeat.

Rnd 1: *K1 with a double yo, K4, K1 with a double yo, P2; rep from *

Rnd 2 - 5: *S11 (drop the extra yo on Row 2), K4, S11 (drop the extra yo on Row 2), P2; rep from *

Rnd 6: *Drop sl st to front, K2, K sl st, drop 2 sts to the back, K sl st, K the 2 dropped sts, P2; rep from *

Knit in pattern to desired length ending with Round 6 of the pattern. (I knit 11 repeats.)

Heel: Your favorite heel will work, but I used a garter stitch short row heel I learned from Lucy Neatby. Because I have an average to wide foot, I used 60% of the stitches (44) for the heel instead of the usual 50%(36).

Setup: Divide 50-60% of the sts evenly onto 2 dpn. This marks the center back of the heel. The remaining stitches will not be worked.

Working only the heel sts

Row 1: (RS) K43, Wrap and turn.

Row 2: (WS) K42, Wrap and turn.

Row 3: K41, W&T

Row 4: K40, W&T

Continue in pattern until (WS) K8, W&T

Next row (RS): K8, knit the next st, W&T.

(WS): K9, knit the next st, W&T

(RS): K10, knit the next st, W&T

(WS): K11, knit the next st, W&T

Continue in pattern until (WS) k41, K the next st, W&T.

Next row: (Centers the sts to enable you to knit the foot)

K to center back of heel, K18 sts onto one dpn.

With new dpn, K1, place marker, P2, Knit Round 1 of the Cuff Pattern for 4 repeats, place marker, K1. (36 sts on this needle)

K18 stitches onto third dpn.

Foot: Knit to 2 inches short of desired length, keeping the stitches between the markers in a P2, cuff pattern row design. End after the 6th row of the cuff pattern at the center back of the sock.

Toe: I used a garter stitch toe to match the heel.

Round 1: K16, K2tog; SSK, K32, K2tog; SSK, K16

Round 2 and all even numbered rounds: Purl all stitches.

Round 3: K15, K2tog; SSK, K30, K2tog; SSK, K15

Round 4: K14, K2tog; SSK, K28, K2tog; SSK, K14

Continue in this manner until you have 12 stitches left on front and back of the sock. Knit to the side of the sock and then Kitchner these sts,

Weave in ends.