

My First Socks using the Magic Loop The only sock pattern you really ever need!



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This is a very basic sock pattern. It is based on 64 stitches and fingering/sock weight yarn. You can easily change the # of stitches and the weight of the yarn to work a different kind of sock. When the directions call for 1/2 the # of stitches, just divide the number you cast on in half.

Sock yarn –100 grams
US #1 40" circular needle.
Size – Adult medium
Gauge - 7 sts per inch

Cast on 64 sts and divide evenly onto 2 needles (32, 32). Join in a circle, being careful not to twist the sts.

CUFF: Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 10 rounds.

LEG: Continue leg in stockinette st or K2, P2 ribbing until leg is desired length. (I like about 7" from beginning.)

Heel flap: Using only 50% of sts and working only on the front needle, knit the following rows flat (back and forth)

Setup row: K2, *sl1 wyib, K1*; repeat from * to * to end.

Row 2 – sl1 wyif, P to last st, K1.

Row 3-- sl1 wyif, K1, *sl1 wyib, K1*; repeat from * to * to end.

Row 4 – sl1 wyif, P to last st, K1.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 for a total of 2 to 2.5 inches.

TURN HEEL: - Work only on the heel flap stitches. Place a marker in the center of the stitches.

Row 1: K to center, K2, SSK, K1, TURN.

Row 2: P to center, P2, P2tog, P1, TURN.

Row 3: K to center, K3, SSK, K1, TURN.

Row 4: P to center, P3, P2tog, P1, TURN.

Row 5: K to center, K4, SSK, K1, TURN.

Row 6: P to center, P4, P2tog, P1, TURN.

Continue in this pattern, adding stitches after the center until you run out of sts. Turn.

Realign the sock on the Magic Loop needle as follows: (Makes gusset rounds easier)

1. K to the center of the heel
2. Pull out the Magic Loop at the point halfway between the instep stitches. Put all stitches on the needles in order to better see how to proceed.
3. Your back needle now holds half the instep, one side of the heel flap, and half the heel stitches. So does the front.

Gusset Setup Round:

1. K the remaining heel sts
2. Pick up stitches along the side of the flap at a rate of 1 st for every 2 rows knitted
3. Pick up 1 st in the strand between the heel flap and the first st of the instep. (Lift strand and knit tbl.)

4. Place marker on needle.
5. K until end of all instep sts (You will move to the other needle)
6. Place marker on needle
7. Pick up 1 st in the strand between the first st of the instep and the heel flap. (Lift strand and knit tbl.)
8. Pick up stitches along the side of the flap at a rate of 1 st for every 2 rows knitted
9. K to center of heel

Count the number of sts between the marker and the center of heel on both needles. They should be the same. If not, cheat in the decrease rounds to follow.

Gusset decreases:

Rnd 1: K to 2 sts before the marker, K2tog,
 K across all instep sts to next marker,
 Sl marker, ssk,
 K to center heel

Rnd 2: K all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until you have the correct # of sts for your foot, usually the # of cast on sts.

Foot: Knit in pattern of choice until the foot is 1.5 to 2 inches shorter than desired length. End at center of heel.

Star Toe: DO NOT REALIGN NEEDLES. Leave markers in the center of the sts on each needle.

Rnd 1: *K to 2 sts before marker*, k to 2 sts before the end of the sts on needle, * repeat * to * 1 more time.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until a total of 8 sts remain. Cut your yarn leaving a 6" tail. Thread a blunt needle and run the tail through the 8 sts, cinch toe closed and fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

Wedge Toe:

Realign sts on needle---K to marker, remove marker and pull loop out at other marker. K to remaining marker. Sole sts are now on one needle and top foot sts on another.

Rnd 1: K1, ssk, K to 3 sts before end, K2tog, K1. Repeat on other needle.

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Repeat until 8 sts remain on each needle.

Graft the toe together using Kitchener st. (See Below)

How to do Kitchener stitch . . . one step at a time!!!!

1. Align two dpn parallel to each other with the attached yarn on the right hand side of the rear needle. You will work with this in your left hand.

2. Cut the yarn leaving a 15 inch tail. Thread the tail into a tapestry needle.

3. Insert the needle into the first st on the front needle purlwise. Pull through securely.

4. Insert needle into the first st on the rear needle knitwise. Pull through securely.

5. Insert needle into the first st on front needle knitwise. Pull through securely and drop st off needle. then insert needle into next st purlwise and pull through.

6. Insert needle into the first st on rear needle purlwise. Purl through securely and drop st off needle. then insert needle into next st knitwise and purl through.

Repeat 5 and 6 until all stitches are worked off needles.

Weave tail into sock and clip yarn to 1/4 inch.

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