

A Little Dotty Socks - a toe up pattern

basic stockinette socks with a woven contrasting dot

needed:

preemie small:

MC: 90 yards baby yarn/CC: 30 yards baby yarn

2.0mm (us 0) double-point or circular knitting needles
gauge: 24 st/ 28 r = 2"

preemie medium:

MC: 80 yards sock yarn/CC: 25 yards sock yarn

2.5mm (us 1.5) double-point or circular knitting needles
gauge: 20 st/ 24 r = 2"

newborn:

MC: 60 yards dk yarn/CC: 25 yards dk yarn

2.75 mm (us 2) double-point or circular knitting needles
gauge: 13 st/ 19 r = 2"

yarn used in photo:
encore dk (white)/
shepherd sock wool 4-ply (pink)



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abbreviations:

Cx: contrasting color

incr : make a new stitch using an Simple Cast On (backwards "e" or thumb cast on)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

MC: main color

ndl: needle

p: purl

rnd: round

sl 1: slip one stitch, purlwise

st(s): stitches

TBL: through back loop

W&T: wrap & turn

WIF: with yarn in front

WIB: with yarn in back

instructions:

cast on 12 stitches (6 on each of 2 ndls).

Easy closed end cast on: hold the 2 ndls parallel to each other, use a Simple Cast on, place one st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

rnd 1: k around, splitting sts onto 3 needles 3/3/6

rnd 2: **Ndl 1**: k1, inc 1, k across to last st, inc 1, k1

Ndl 2 (sole): k1, inc 1, k across

Ndl 3 (sole): k across to last st, inc 1, k1

repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 stitches on the needles --

Ndl 1: 12 Ndl 2: 6 Ndl 3: 6

complete 7 repeats of woven dots pattern, or to desired length minus 1/2" for heel. End with row 2 of pattern.

short row heel:

row 1: k across Ndl 1. k across Ndls 2 & 3 to last st on Ndl 3.

Bring yarn to front as if to purl, then slip stitch. (1 wrap created -- on purl rows, take yarn to back as if to knit before slipping st). Turn.

(remainder of heel will be worked on sole sts only)

row 2: slip just-wrapped st. p across to last st. W&T.

row 3: slip just-wrapped st. k next 9 sts. W&T..

row 4: slip just-wrapped st. p next 8 sts. W&T.

continue in progression, working one less k or p each turn, until 6 sts remain unworked in the center

heel turning:

row 1: k 6, wrap next st, turn (wrapped sts will have 2 wraps)

row 2: slip just-wrapped st. p 6, W&T.

row 3: slip just-wrapped st. k 7, W&T.

row 4: slip just-wrapped st. p 8, W&T.

continue in progression, working one more k or p each turn, until all heel sts have been worked. end by knitting across needles 2/3.

leg/finishing:

knitting on all needles again, begin with rnd 3 of woven dot design.

redistribute the stitches:

Ndl 1: 8 Ndl 2: 8 Ndl 3: 8

work the following number of repeats in the woven dots design:

sm preemie-3, med preemie-4, newborn-5

Clip CC.

Cast off loosely (shown in photo with sewn cast off in CC). Tie off MC. Weave in ends.

Prefer to knit these socks using circular needles?

Easily make the conversion by placing the sts from Double Point 1 onto Circular 1, and the sts from Double Points 2 and 3 onto Circular 2.

woven dots pattern:

There are no stitches actually knitted on the CC rows. The yarn is "woven" by slipping the MC stitches with CC in front or in back as noted below:

rnd 1: sl 1 WIB, *sl 1 WIF, sl 2 WIB. repeat from * around. end with sl 1 WIB.

rnd 2: repeat row 1

rnds 3 - 5: with MC knit around

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