

# 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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