Holiday Sox

sizes: preemie sm, (preemie med/newborn)

for older baby/toddler sizes, use worsted weight yarn and 4.5mm & 5.0 mm (US 6 & 8) needles

needed

- 2.5mm & 2.75mm (us 1.5 & 2) double-point knitting needles
- ★ MC: ½ ounce DK/light worsted weight yarn C1: ¼ ounce; C2: ¼ ounce

gauge: 11 st/ 13 r = 2" with US 2 needles in stockinette

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

MC: main color

Cx: contrasting color(s)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one
p: purl

W&T: wrap & turn ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops sl X: slip X stitch(es), purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted st(s): stitch(es)



instructions:

the first five rows of these socks will be knit flat and then woven together at finishing. with MC and smaller needles cast on 20 (24/28) with a provisional cast on.

- work in stockinette (knit one row, purl one row) for 4 rows.
- remove provisional anchor, transferring those sts to an empty needle. fold over the newly picked up sts and needle to the outside (purl side of work will be the "right" side) and hold needle parallel to working needle. knit together 1 st from each needle until all sts on needle are worked.
- divide sts evenly among dpns and join into a circle.
- * k one round
- * attach C1. k 4 rounds
- pick up MC. *k 3. allow next st to drop (unknit) 4 rows (back to MC row). insert needle into the st in the MC row below the dropped st and knit, capturing the loose threads of the dropped C1 st. repeat from * around.
- * k one round
- slip 2 sts (these will be worked at the end of the round). attach C2. k 4 rounds. break C2.
- ★ pick up MC. beginning with the first st after the slipped sts, *k 3. allow next st to drop (unknit) 4 rows (back to MC row). insert needle into the st in the MC row below the dropped st and knit, capturing

the loose threads of the dropped C2 st. repeat from * around. break C2.

- * attach C1. k 4 rounds. break C1.
- pick up MC. *k 3. allow next st to drop (unknit) 4 rows (back to MC row). insert needle into the st in the MC row below the dropped st and knit, capturing the loose threads of the dropped C1 st. repeat from * around.

redistribute sts:

size sm – ndl1 (instep): 10, ndl 2 (sole): 5, ndl 3: 5 size med – ndl1 (instep): 12, ndl 2 (sole): 6,

ndl 3: 6 size newborn – ndl1 (instep): 14,

ndl 2 (sole): 7, ndl 3: 7

short row heel

- 1: k across needle one. Change to C1 and k across needles #2 & 3, stopping at the st before the last st on needle 3. Bring yarn to front as if to purl, then slip st. (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 ndls 2 and 3 only)
- slip just-wrapped st. p across to last st, W&T.
- 3: slip just-wrapped st. k next 7/9 (11) sts, W&T.
- 4: slip just-wrapped st. p next 6/8 (10) sts, W&T.

continue in progression, working one less k or p each turn, until 6 (8) sts remain unworked in the center

heel turning:

- 1: k 4/6 (6), W&T. (wrapped st will have 2 loops)
- 2: slip just-wrapped st. p 4/6 (6), W&T.
- 3: slip just-wrapped st. k 5/7 (7), W&T.
- 4: slip just-wrapped st. p 6/8 (8), W&T. continue in progression, working one more k or p each turn, until all heel sts have been worked. clip heel color and pick up MC.

sock foot:

Using MC, k around until the length of the sock (from the back of the heel) is $1^{1}/_{2}$ " (2"/3") in length. Clip MC.

toe shaping & finishing (worked in same color as heel):

rnd 1: (instep) - k1, ssk, k across to last 3 st on ndl 2. k2tog, k1. repeat for sole st (ndl 3)

rnd 2: k around

repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 4 (6/6) toe sts remaining on each the instep and sole of the sock.

weave toe sts together using a Kitchener stitch. weave in and clip all yarn ends.