Just Ducky Socks
sized for small with (med/large in parenthesis)

materials:

for preemies:

double point needles - 2.75 mm (US 2), or size necessary to achieve gauge

sport weight yarn - MC (yellow): 1/2 ounce / CC (white): 20 yards

gauge: 2″: 17 st/18 rows

for older babies/toddlers up to 18 months

double point ndles - 3.5 (US 4), or size necessary to achieve gauge

dk weight yarn - MC: 1 ounce / CC: 1/2 ounce

gauge:2" = 15 st/16 r

all yarn requirements are approximate
needle size may need to be adjusted in order to achieve gauge

yarn used in photo: white - Bernat Baby Softee, yellow: Dreambaby DK

abbreviations:

incr: make a new stitch using an Simple Increase (backwards "e" or thumb increase)

k: knit

ndl(s): needles

PM: place marker

p: purl

p2tog: purl two stitches together

rnd(s): round(s)

sl X: slip X stitch(es), purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then k2tog through back loops

st(s): stitches

TBL: through back loops

instructions:

with CC cast on 26 (30, 38) onto 3 ndls. join, being careful not to twist.

rnds 1-6: *k1, p1. repeat from * around. clip CC.

rnds 7-12: with MC, [k6 (7, 9), p1, k6 (7, 9)] 2x.

rearrange sts on ndls as follows:

sm: 7/6/13, med: 8/7/15, lg: 10/9/19

k across ndls 1 & 2. heel flap will be worked on ndl 3.

heel flap:

1: *with yarn in front sl 1, k1 repeat from * across.

2: sl 1, p across

repeat rows 1 & 2 for 12 (14, 16) total heel rows. end having completed a purl row.

turning the heel:

row 1: k7 (8, 10), ssk, k1, turn

row 2: sl 1, p2, p2 tog, p1, turn

row 3: sl 1, k3, ssk, k1, turn

row 4: sl 1, p4, p2 tog, p1, turn

continue in progression until all sts have been worked.

7 (9, 11) sts on the ndl.

gusset:

◻ k 4 (5, 6) sts (center of the heel)

◻ using a spare ndl, k across the remaining heel sts. pick up and knit 6 (7, 8) sts from the side of the heel flap and knit one st in the gusset corner (Ndl 1).
k across Ndl 2 (instep).
with Ndl 3 pick up and knit one st in the gusset corner and then pick up and knit 6 (7, 8) sts from the side of the heel flap. knit the remaining heel sts.

st count:

small: ndl 1: 10, ndl 2: 13, ndl 3: 11

medium: ndl 1: 12, ndl 2: 15 ndl 3: 13

large: ndl 1: 14, ndl 2: 19 ndl 3: 15

gusset decrease:

rnd 1:

ndl 1: (sole) k to last 3 sts, k2tog, p1.

ndl 2: (instep) k across.

ndl 3: (sole) k1, ssk, k across.

rnd 2: k around

repeat these 2 rounds until total sts equals 26 (30, 38). transfer sts as necessary to return to original st placement.

sm: 7/6/13, med: 8/7/15, lg: 10/9/19

sock foot:

5 (7, 10) rnds: [k6 (7, 9), p1, k6 (7, 9)] 2x, or until the length is half what you desire for the finished sock.

shaping the duck toes & finishing:

rnd 1: INSTEP - k6(7, 8), PM, incr 1, p1, incr 1, PM. k to end of row. repeat for SOLE.

rnd 2: knit around,

rnd 3: INSTEP - k to marker, incr 1, p to 1 before marker, incr1, k to end of row. repeat for SOLE

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until there are 21 (25, 29) stitches each on the instep and sole of the sock. (42, 50, 58 sts total)

Use a 3-needle bind off, from the outside of the sock, to close the toes.

Tie off and weave in end.

Prefer to knit this using circular needles?

easily make the conversion by placing the stitches from Double Points 1 and 2 onto Circular Needle 1, and the stitches from Double Points 3 and 4 onto Circular Needle 2.