

Lone Star Socks

a toe-up, intarsia pattern

sizes - lg preemie (newborn/3 mo/6 mo in parenthesis)

materials:

two $\frac{1}{2}$ " star buttons

2.75mm (US 2) double-point needles (a set of 5)

sock weight yarn -

navy: $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce

red: $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce

white: $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce

gauge: 2" = 14 st/19 r in stockinette

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

m1: increase one st by knitting into the bar between the current st and the next st

ndl: needle

p: purl

sl x: slip x stitches, purlwise unless otherwise specified

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately, knitwise, then knit together through the front loops

st(s): stitch(es)



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instructions:

with white, cast on 12(12/16/16) stitches, 6(6/8/8) on each needle). Easy method: hold the 2 needles parallel to each other, use a Simple Cast on (over your thumb) and place the 1st stitch on the left ndl, 2nd stitch on the right ndl and so on.

rnd 1: knit around, splitting stitches evenly onto 4 needles (3/3/4/4 st)

rnd 2: **ndl 1:** k1, m1, k across **ndl 2:** k across to last stitch, m1, k1

repeat for needles 3 and 4.

repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24(28/32/36) stitches on the needles. clip white. 6(7/8/9) st on each ndl.

to allow for seamless intarsia, the color changes will be made center front and center back of the sock.

1: starting at ndl 2 with navy, knit across ndls 2 and 3. twist navy and red to close gap and and knit across ndl 4 **and** ndl 1 with red.

2: drop red and pick up blue. from the inside purl across ndls 3 and 2. twist colors. with red purl across ndls 1, then 4.

repeat rows 1 and 2 working in the round, while back and forth, until sock is $2\frac{1}{2}$ "(3"/4"/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") including the toe, or to desired length less $\frac{1}{2}$ ". end having worked the red st on ndl 1. clip red.

short row heel , worked in white

row 1: skipping to the sole st and using white, knit across needles 2/3 until last stitch. bring yarn to front as if to purl, then slip stitch. burn. (1 wrap created -- on purl rows, take yarn to back as if to knit before slipping stitch). (*remainder of heel will be worked on bottom needles only*)

row 2: purl across stitches just worked until last stitch. wrap last stitch, turn.

row 3: knit next 10(12/14/16) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn.

row 4: purl next 9(11/13/15) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn.

repeat rows 3 & 4, (working one less a stitch on each row) until 7 (7/9/9) stitches remain unworked in the center

heel turning:

row 1: k 7(7/9/9), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)

row 2: p8(8/10/10), wrap next stitch, turn.

row 3: k9(9/11/11), wrap next stitch, turn

repeat rows 2 & 3, (working one more a stitch on each row) until all stitches have been worked on purl side. clip white.

leg:

beginning intarsia again, the color changes will be made center front and center back of the sock, as before.

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2: drop white and pick up blue. from the inside purl across ndls 3 and 2. twist colors. with white purl across ndls 1, then 4.

repeat rows 1 and 2 working in the round, while back and forth, until sock is 3"(3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/5") from heel, or to desired length less $\frac{1}{2}$ ". clip blue/white.

ribbing & finishing:

with red knit one round increasing or decreasing 0(-1/+1/0) st evenly.

k2, p1 around for 6(7/8/9) rows. Bind off loosely.

weave in all ends. sew one star button on each sock, half way up the leg and centered on the blue side.