

# Patriotic Premie #2 Sox

a toe up pattern for large preemies with newborn adj in parenthesis

## materials & gauge:

- ☆ 2.75mm/3.5mm (US 2/4) circular or double-point needles
- ☆ fingering yarn -  
MC (blue): 1/2 oz, C1 (red): 1/2 oz, C2 (white): 1/2 oz
- ☆ four 5/8" to 3/4" buttons

gauge: 2" = 13 st/18 r in gingham stitch design

*all yarn requirements are approximate*

*yarn in photo: Bernat Sox*

## abbreviations:

MC: main color  
CC: contrasting color  
k: knit  
k2tog: knit 2 sts together  
as one  
p: purl  
p2tog: purl 2 sts together  
as one

rnd(s): round(s)  
sl X: slip X sts, purlwise and  
with yarn in back, unless other-  
wise noted  
skp: slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped  
st over knit st  
st(s): stitch(es)  
W&T: wrap & turn  
YIB: yarn in front  
YIF: yarn in back



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## gingham stitch pattern (multiple of 6):

each color is worked separately. each 2 steps will result in one visual round. as this is a stranded st pattern, use larger needles.

### red check rows:

- step 1: \*with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from \* around.  
step 2: \*with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from \* around.  
step 3: \*using red, k5. [sl 1 YIF. sl 1 YIB] twice. sl 1 YIF. (this weaves the contrasting yarn between 5 sts.) repeat from \* around.  
step 4: \*with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from \* around.  
step 5: \*with red, k5. [sl 1 YIB, sl 1 YIF] twice. sl 1 YIB. repeat from \* around.  
step 6: \*with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from \* around.  
steps 7 - 12: repeat steps 3 - 6 once and then steps 3 and 4 once more. visually, you will have completed 5 rounds with red checks dominant.

### white check rows:

- step 13: \*with white [sl 1 YIF. sl 1 YIB] twice. YIF, slip next stitch purlwise. k 5 sts. repeat from \* around.  
step 14: \*with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from \* around.  
step 15: \*with white, [sl 1 YIB, sl 1 YIF] twice. sl 1 YIB. k 5 sts. repeat from \* around.  
step 16: \*with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from \* around.  
steps 17 - 22: repeat steps 13 - 16 once and then steps 13 and 14 once more. visually, you will have completed 5 rounds - with white checks dominant.

## instructions:

with blue, cast on 12 (16) sts (6 (8) on each of two ndls).  
easy closed end cast on: hold the 2 ndls parallel to each other. use a Simple Cast on, placing one st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.  
1: k around. first row only, split sts onto 3 ndls 6/3/3 (8/4/4)  
2: ndl 1: k1, inc 1, k to last st, inc 1, k1  
ndl 2: (sole): k1, inc 1, k across  
ndl 3: k to last st, inc 1, k1  
repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 (32) sts on the ndls --  
ndl 1: 12 (16) ndl 2: 6 (8) ndl 3: 6 (8)  
newborn only: k8, M1, k around. (33 st - 17 st on needle 1)  
k 3 (4) repeats of gingham pattern or to desired length minus about 1/2" for heel. End having completed set of either red or white checks.

### short row heel

- 1: with blue, k across ndl 1. k across ndls 2 & 3 until last st. 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 sole sts only  
2: slip just wrapped st. p across to last st. W&T.  
3: slip just wrapped st. k next 9 (13) sts. W&T.  
4: slip just wrapped st. p next 8 (12) 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 6 (8), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)
- 2: slip just wrapped st. p 7 (9), W&T.
- 3: slip just wrapped st. k 8 (10), W&T. continue in progression, working one more k or p each turn, until all heel sts have been worked. k around

### leg:

work 2 (3) repeats of gingham pattern, continuing with design from foot. break red/white.

### ribbing & finishing:

- ☆ with blue, k2, p1 around for 6(9) rnds.
- ☆ bind off loosely.
- ☆ weave in all ends.

*My mom was the most patriotic person I've ever known ... even when it wasn't as fashionable. Federal holidays always found the flag proudly displayed in the yard and her wearing red/white/blue.*

*She loved my patriotic layettes the best, so this set is in memory of my mom ... I know it would have made her smile.*

*Lillian Dinger Schoen 1/1936 - 7/2004*



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