Ribbed Lace Toe-Up Baby Socks

Materials:
size x-small preemie (pattern adj shown in bold)
double point needles 2.25 mm (US 0)
approx 1/4 oz lace-weight yarn
(gauge: 20st/25 r = 2”)

size small (med) preemie
double point needles 2.25 mm (US 0)
approx 1/4 oz baby yarn
(gauge: 18 st/23 r = 2”)

size large preemie (newborn)
double point needles 2.25 mm (US 1)
approx 1/2 oz fingering (sock) yarn
(gauge: 14 st/18 r = 2”)

abbreviations:
k: knit
k2tog: knit two stitches together
psso: pass slipped stitch over
ssk: slip two stitches, one at a time, knitwise then knit together through the front of the stitches
yo: yarn over

instructions:
Cast on 88/12 (16) stitches (44/6 (8) on each needle). Easy method: hold the 2 needles parallel to each other, casting on over your thumb 1st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

Rnd 1: knit around. split stitches onto 3 needles 22--22--44  // 3-3-6 (4-4-8)

Rnd 2:
needle 1 (instep): k1, inc 1, k across to last 2 stitches, inc 1, k1.
needle 2: k1, inc 1, k across
needle 3 (sole): k across to last 2 stitches, inc 1, k1

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 1188/24 (30) stitches on the needles --

Note: on last increase round of sizes sm and large, the increases will only be made on instep stitches. sole stitches should be knit plain.

Needle 1: 4/6 (8) Needle 2: 5/6 (8) Needle 3: 9/12 (14)

Knit 10/10 (15) rows, or to desired length minus about 3/8 - 1/2” for heel.

Short row heel

Row 1: knit across first two needles. Knit across needle #3 until last stitch. 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 stitch). Turn.

(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 6/9 (11) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn.

Row 4: Purl next 5/8 (10) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn. repeat rows 3 & 4. (working one less a stitch on each row) until 4/6 (6) stitches remain unworked in the center

Heel turning:
Row 1: p 4/6 (6), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)
Row 2: k 5/7 (7), wrap next stitch, turn.
Row 3: p 6/8 (8), wrap next stitch, turn
Repeat rows 2 & 3. (working one more a stitch on each row) until all stitches have been worked.

Knit one row around

Lace pattern (multiple of 6 stitches):
modified from Cloverleaf Eyelet Rib Socks for Little Girls by Diana Cintron-dandee@inetone.net.

Rows 1: k5, p1
Rows 2: k1, yo, s1 - k2tog - psso, yo, k1, p1
Rows 3: k5, p1
Rows 4: k2, yo ssk, k1, p1

Rows 5 & 6: k5, p1

Leg/finishing:
Knitting on all needles again, knit 2 rows. You may want to redistribute the stitches at this time.

Needle 1: 6/6 (12) Needle 2: 6/6 (12)
Needle 3: 6/12 (6)

Knit 2/3 (4) sets of the lace pattern above.
Cast off (I like to do this with a larger size needles)

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