

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

pssso: 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



yarn used in photo: Paton's Beehive Baby acrylic baby yarn

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instructions:

cast on **8/12** (16) stitches (**4/6** (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 **2-2-4** / 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 **18/24** (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

row 2: k1, yo, s1 - k2tog - pssso, yo, k1, p1

row 3: k5, p1

row 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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