**Slipped Rib Socks - a toe up pattern**

sizes: preemie sm, (preemie med/newborn)

**needed:**
- **2.5mm (us 1.5) double-point knitting needles**
- gauge: 20 st/ 24 r = 2”
- sock (fingering) yarn in the following quantities:
  - **preemie small:**
    - MC: 30 yards/CC: 18 yards
  - **preemie medium:**
    - MC: 45 yards/CC: 28 yards
  - **newborn:**
    - MC: 60 yards/CC: 42 yards

**abbreviations:**
- **k:** knit
- **incr:** make a new stitch using a Simple Cast On (cast on one stitch over your thumb)
- **sl 1:** slip one stitch knitwise with yarn in back
- **p:** purl

**slipped rib design:**
row 1: With CC, sl 1, k1, sl 1, p1 around
row 2: repeat row 1
row 3: k3, p1 around
row 4: With MC, sl 1, k1, sl 1, p1 around
row 5: repeat row 1
row 6: k3, p1 around

**instructions:**
cast on 12 (12/16) stitches (6/6/8) each on two needles). 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. on first row only -- split stitches onto 3 needles 3/3/6 (3/3/6 or 4/4/8)

rnd 2: 1st needle (instep): k1, inc 1, k across to last stitch, inc 1, k1
2nd needle (sole): k1, inc 1, k across
3rd needle (sole): k across to last stitch, inc 1, k1
repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 (28/32) stitches on the needles --

needle 1: 12 (14/16)
needle 2: 6 (7/8)
needle 3: 6 (7/8)

work around in slipped rib design for 17 (23/35) rows, or to desired length minus about 1/2” for heel. End with row 5.

**short row heel**
row 1: work across first needle as in row 3 of slipped rib design. Knit across needles 2 & 3 until last stitch on 3. 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 sole needles only)
row 2: Purl across stitches just worked until last stitch. wrap last stitch, turn.
row 3: Knit next 9 (11/13) stitches, wrap next stitch, turn.
row 4: Purl next 8 (10/12) stitches, wrap next stitch, turn.
repeat rows 3 & 4, (working one less a stitch on each row) until 6 (6/8) stitches remain unworked in the center

**heel turning:**
row 1: k 6 (6/8), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)
row 2: p 6 (6/8), wrap next stitch, turn
row 3: k 7 (7/9), wrap next stitch, turn
row 4: p 8 (8/10), wrap next stitch, turn
repeat rows 2 & 3, (working one more a stitch on each row) until all stitches have been worked. end by knitting across needles 2 and 3.

**leg/finishing:**
knitting on all needles again, begin knitting with row 1 of slipped rib design. You may want to redistribute the stitches at this time:

needle 1: 8 (10/10)
needle 2: 8 (8/12)
needle 3: 8 (10/10)

work the following number of rows in the slipped rib design:
small preemie: 9 rows
med preemie: 12 rows
newborn: 15 rows

break CC
work 4 (6/6) rows of k3, p1 ribbing.
Cast off loosely (socks shown with a sewn cast-off).
Weave in ends.