

Just Your Basic Baby Sock

baby yarn version:
medium/large preemie

double point needles 2.0 mm (US 0)
1/4 oz baby yarn

gauge: 19 st/25 r = 2"

DK version:
newborn/3 months

double point needles 2.75 mm (US 2)
1/2 ounce dk-weight yarn

(gauge: 17 st/20 r = 2")

worsted weight version:
toddler

double point needles 4.25 mm (US 6)
1 ounce worsted weight yarn

gauge: 9 st/12 r = 2"

yarn used in photo: Bernat Baby Softie (white)/ Paton's Astra (multi)



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adjustments for larger sizes appear in parenthesis throughout pattern

abbreviations:

incr : make a new stitch by casting on one stitch over your thumb

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together (a right-leaning decrease)

p: purl

sl 1: slip 1 stitch (with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted)

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately, knitwise, then knit together through the front loops (a left-leaning decrease)

toe-up socks:

cast on 12 (16) stitches (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. first row only, split stitches onto 3 needles 6/3/3 (8/4/4)

rnd 2: **needle 1**: k1, inc 1, k across to last stitch, inc 1, k1

needle 2 (bottom): k1, inc 1, k across

needle 3: k across to last stitch, inc 1, k1

repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 (36) stitches on the needles --

needle 1: 12 (16) needle 2: 6 (8) needle 3: 6 (8)

knit 10 (15) rows, or to desired length minus about 1/2" (1" for toddler sizes) for heel.

short row heel

row 1: knit across first needle. Knit across needles #2 & 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 9 (13) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn.

row 4: Purl next 8 (12) stitches. wrap next stitch, turn.

repeat rows 3 & 4, (working one less a stitch on each row) until 6 (8) stitches remain unworked in the center

heel turning:

row 1: k 6 (8), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)

row 2: p 7 (9), wrap next stitch, turn.

row 3: k 8 (10), wrap next stitch, turn

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

leg/finishing:

knitting on all needles again, knit 2 rows. You may want to redistribute the stitches at this time

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

knit in stockinette (knit all rows) until leg is desired length minus 1" (2" for toddlers)

work 6 (12 for toddler sizes) rows of k2, p2 ribbing. cast off in ribbed pattern (using larger size needles for this step helps make a stretchier edge)

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top-down socks:

Cast on 24 (32), 8 on each needle for small sizes, 10/12/10 for larger sizes. join.

- ♥ work 6 (12 for toddler sizes) rows of k2, p2 ribbing
- ♥ knit in stockinette (knit all rows) until leg is desired length from ankle
- ♥ redistribute stitches:

smaller sizes: ndl1 (instep): 12, ndl 2 (sole): 6, ndl 3 (sole): 6
larger sizes: ndl1 (instep): 16, ndl 2 (sole): 8, ndl 3 (sole): 8

begin heel:

note: heel is worked back in forth in rows on the sole needles
knit across needles 1, heel flap will be worked on needles 2/3

heel pattern:

cute worked in a contrasting color!

Row 1: *Slip 1, k1 repeat across from *

Row 2: Slip 1, purl across

Knit in heel pattern until you have 12 (16) heel flap rows. Heel flap shape should be close to square. End with a purl row.

turning the heel:

row 1: with MC, k7 (9), k2tog, k1, turn

row 2: sl1, p3 (3), p2tog, p1, turn

row 3: sl1, k4 (4), k2tog, k1, turn

row 4: sl1, p5 (5), p2tog, p1, turn

for larger sizes, continue as above, working one additional stitch each row, until all stitches have been worked.

8 (10) st remain.

gusset:

If using contrasting color for the heel, change back to main color here

- ♥ Transfer all instep stitches to a one needle.
- ♥ Knit to the center of the heel.
- ♥ Using a spare needle, knit across the remaining heel stitches. Pick up and knit 6 (8) stitches from the side of the heel flap and knit one stitch in the gusset corner (Needle 1).
Knit in across Needle 2 (instep).
With Needle 3 pick up and knit one stitch in the gusset corner and then pick up and knit stitches from the side of the heel flap. Knit the remaining heel stitches.

stitch count:

smaller sizes: ndl1: 11, ndl 2: 12, ndl 3: 11

larger sizes: ndl1: 14, ndl 2: 16 ndl 3: 14

gusset decrease:

Rnd 1:

NEEDLE 1: Knit until the last 3 stitches, k2 tog, k1.

NEEDLE 2: Knit across instep.

NEEDLE 3: K1, SSK, knit around.

Rnd 2: Knit around

Repeat these 2 rounds until total stitches equals 24(32). Transfer stitches as necessary so that you have returned to your original stitch placement. 12/6/6(16/8/8)

sock foot:

Continue knitting in stockinette around until the length of the sock (from the end of the heel) is 1 1/2 to 2 inches from the top of your longest toe - approx 20 - 25 rows.

shape toe and finishing:

cute worked in a contrasting color!

Rnd 1: top of foot - k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1

repeat for bottom of foot

Rnd 2: knit around

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 6(8) toe stitches remaining on each the top and bottom of the sock.

Weave toe stitches together using the Kitchener stitch.