

Tiny Toe-Ups

a quick (1 ½ - 2 hour) pair of socks sized for a small preemies. (med preemie/newborn) in parenthesis.

materials:

- ♥ 4 double point needles 2.75 mm (US 2)
- ♥ approx ½ ounce sports-weight/baby yarn (gauge: 17 st/20 r = 2")

abbreviations:

k: knit

inc : 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



yarn used in picture: Bernat Baby Softee

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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)

knit 12 (15) rows

short row heel

row 1: knit across first needle. 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, knit 7 rows

rounds 8, 9, 10: k1, sl around

round 11 - 15: knit around

you can repeat rounds 8 - 15 if you'd like a longer sock.

cast off (I like to do this with a larger size needles) and work in ends.

Like more color? Knit rows 15 - 17 and 21 - 23 with a contrasting color yarn. A slightly lighter weight works fabulously.

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