

# Swirly Stripes Socks - a toe-up pattern

sizes: small/medium preemie, newborn  
newborn is reflected in parenthesis

## needed:

double point needles 2.75 mm (US 2)  
MC: 1/2 ounce dk yarn  
CC: 4 6-ft lengths of DK yarn  
gauge: 8 st/11 r = 1" in stockinette

## abbreviations:

**k:** knit

**k2tog:** knit 2 stitches together

**inc:** increase one stitch

**rt:** right twist. knit 2nd stitch on left hand needle through back loop with CC. leave on needle and knit first stitch as usual with MC. slip both stitches needle.

**sl 1:** slip one stitch knitwise

**ssk:** slip two stitches, one at a time, knitwise then knit together through the front of the stitches



yarn used in photo: BRed Heart Soft Baby (green)/Bernat Baby Softee (blue)

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## instructions:

with CC, cast on 12 (16) stitches (6 (8) on each needle). An easy method: hold the 2 needles parallel to each other, casting on using a simple cast on (over thumb) 1st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

rnd 1: knit around. split stitches onto 3 needles 3/3/6 (4/4/8)

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

**3rd needle (bottom):** k1, inc 1, 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)

## foot:

♥ change to MC. k11 (15), attach one length of CC and k1. repeat for sole stitches. Be sure to twist MC and CC when changing colors on the twist row, to avoid gaps. Starting point will rotate round foot due to the RT stitch.

♥ k11 (15), sl1 around. (slipped stitch will be the CC stitch)

♥ k10 (14), RT around

♥ k10 (14), sl 1. \*k11 (15), sl1 around.

repeat these last two rounds until 18 (25) total rounds have been completed, excluding toes.

## short row heel (worked in CC)

row 1: knit across needle one. Change to C1 and knit across needles #2 & 3, stopping at the stitch before the last stitch on needle 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 bottom 2 needles only)

row 2: Purl across stitches just worked until last stitch.

wrap last stitch, turn.

row 3: Knit next 7/9 (11) stitches.

wrap next stitch, turn.

row 4: Purl next 6/8 (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: k 4/6 (6), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)

row 2: p 5/7 (7), wrap next stitch, turn.

row 3: k 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. clip heel color and pick up MC.

You may want to redistribute the stitches at this time. ndl 1:8 (10) ndl 2: 8 (12) ndl 3: 8 (10)

## leg/finishing:

knitting on all needles again, continue in pattern established on foot, work 8 (10) rounds.

## ribbing:

♥ k1, p1 for one round.

♥ k3, p3 for one round.

repeat these two rounds until 7 (9) rounds of ribbing have been completed.

Cast off loosely. tie off and weave in ends.