

Just Ducky Socks

sized for small with (med/large in parenthesis)

materials:

for preemies:

double point needles - 2.75 mm (US 2), or size necessary to achieve gauge

sport weight yarn - MC: 1/2 ounce / CC: 20 yards

gauge: 2": 17 st/18 rows

for older babies/toddlers up to 18 months

double point needles - 3.5 (US 4), or size necessary to achieve gauge

dk weight yarn - MC: 1 ounce / CC: 1/2 ounce

gauge: 2" = 15 st/16 r

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

inc: make a new stitch using a Simple Cast On (cast on one stitch over your thumb)

p: purl

sl 1: slip one stitch knitwise with yarn in back

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

instructions:

With CC cast on 26 (30/34) onto 3 needles. Join, being careful not to twist.

rnds 1 - 6: 1 p1 rib. clip yarn.

rnds 7 - 12: attach MC, k1 p1 rib

rearrange stitches on needles as follows:

sm: 13/6/7, med: 15/7/8, lg:17/8/9

begin heel:

NOTE: HEEL IS WORKED IN BACK & FORTH IN ROWS ON NEEDLES 2 & 3 OVER 13(15/17) STITCHES.

needle 1: knit 6(7,8) p1, k 6(7,8).

heel pattern:

row 1 *sl1, k1 repeat across from *

row 2 purl across

Knit in heel pattern until you have 10 (10/12) heel flap rows.

End with a purl row.

turning the heel:

row 1: k7, k2 tog, k1, turn

row 2: p3, p2 tog, p1, turn

row 3: k4, k2 tog, k1, turn

row 4: p5, p2 tog, p1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4, increasing 1 additional k or p stitch until all side stitches have been worked. End with a purl row.

gusset:

All instep stitches should be on one needle.

Starting at heel stitches, knit across needles 2 and 3.

With needle 3, pick up 5(5,6) stitches from the side of the heel flap and knit one stitch in the gusset corner.

Knit in pattern (knit 6(7,8), p1, k 6(7,8) across instep (needle 1)

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yarn used in photo: white - Bernat Baby Softie, yellow: Dreambaby DK

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With needle 2 knit one stitch in the gusset corner and pick up 5(5,6) stitches from the other side of the heel flap. Knit the remaining heel stitches.

Stitch count is should now be:

sm: 13/9/10, med: 15/10/11, lg:17/12/13

gusset decrease:

Rnd 1:

NEEDLE 1: Knit in pattern (middle stitch should always be a purl, both instep and sole) across instep.

NEEDLE 2: K1, SSK, knit to last stitch, purl.

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

Rnd 2: Knit, in pattern, around

Repeat these 2 rounds until total stitches equals 26 (30/34).

Transfer stitches as necessary so that you have returned to your original stitch placement.

sm: 13/6/7, med: 15/7/8, lg:17/8/9

sock foot:

For 5 (7/10) rows or until the length is half what you desire for the finished sock, k 6(7/8), p1, k 6(7/8) for instep and repeat for sole.

shaping the duck toes & finishing:

rnd 1: INSTEP - k6(7/8), PM (place marker), incr 1, p1, incr 1, k to end of row. repeat for SOLE.

rnd 2: knit around,

rnd 3: INSTEP - k to marker, incr 1, p1, incr1, k to end of row. repeat for SOLE

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until there are 21 (25, 29) stitches each on the instep and sole of the sock. (42, 50, 58 total)

Use a 3-needle bind off, on the outside of the sock, to close the toes.

Tie off and weave in end.