

Fingering-Weight Top-Down Socks for Magic Loop



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Materials

Yarn: 120 yds. fingering-weight yarn.

If working two socks at one time, you'll need two separate balls of yarn.

Gauge: 7 sts/in in St st.

Needles: 1 or 2 40-inch circular needle(s) OR set of DPNs, in whatever size required for YOU to obtain gauge. I used US #2. What kind of needles you require depends on how you prefer to knit in the round.

I prefer Magic Loop, which requires one circular needle.

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors.

Sizes: Small (Medium, Large)

Finished Measurements: Foot circumference: 7 (8, 9) inches
Length: customizable to exact foot length

Abbreviations/Terms:

CO: Cast On

PM: Place Marker

BOR: Beginning of Round

M1L: Make One Left

M1R: Make One Right

K2tog: Knit 2 Together

P2tog: Purl 2 Together

SSK: Slip, Slip, Knit

Instep: the half of the sock that goes around the front of the ankle.

Pattern Notes

Sock is worked in the round from cuff to toe.

Cuff

Using the long-tail-cast-on, cast on 48(56,64) sts. Make sure there are no twists in the round.

PM for BOR.

Rows 1-10: Work in k1, p1 rib.

Next: Work in St st until the sock measures 7(7,8) in. from CO edge.

Heel Flap

K 24(28,32) sts (across one half of the round).

Begin working back and forth in St st across these 24(28,32) sts, slipping the first st of each row to the right-hand needle without knitting it.

Work as established for 20(24,30) rows. You should be ready to work a K row.

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, K 12(14,16) SSK, K1, turn. Row 2: Sl 1, P3, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K4, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P5, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, K6, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, K8, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, P9, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 9: Sl 1, K10, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, P11, P2tog, P1, turn.

For size SMALL, the heel is turned; there are 14 sts on the heel needle. Go to **Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset**, below. For larger sizes, continue below.

Row 11: Sl 1, K12, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 12: Sl 1, P13, P2tog, P1, turn.

For size MEDIUM, the heel is turned, there are 16 sts on the heel needle. Go to **Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset**, below. For the LG size, continue below.

Row 13: Sl 1, K14, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 14: Sl 1, P15, P2tog, P1, turn.

For size LARGE, the heel is turned; there are 18 sts on the heel needle. Go to **Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset**, below.

Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset

Next row: K across the 14(16,18) heel sts, PM, and using the same needle, pick up and knit 12(14,16) sts along the L side of the heel.

(Optional: M1 on the instep end of the picked-up sts. This st must be knit together with the adjacent picked-up sts on the very next rnd. This will close the little hole that tends to form when heels are made.)

K across the instep sts.

Pick up and knit 12(14,16) sts along the other side of the heel.

(Optional: M1 on the instep end of the picked-up sts. This st must be knit together with the adjacent picked-up sts on the very next rnd. This will close the little hole that tends to form when heels are made.)

PM.

Using the same needle, K across all heel sts until there are 3 sts left on left-hand needle, knitting the picked-up sts through the back loop.

Next: K2tog, K1. (If you have done a M1, this would be "K2tog twice").

You should have 37(43,49) sts on the heel needle. 24(28,32) sts still remain on instep needle. K across instep.

Gusset

Round 1 (heel needle): K1, SSK, K to end, knitting all picked-up sts through the back loop. (instep needle): K all sts.

Round 2 (heel needle): K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (instep needle): K all sts.

Remove stitch markers after you have knitted the picked-up sts once.

Continue to work rounds 1-2 until 24(28,32) sts remain on each needle [48(56,64) sts in all].

Foot

Work in St st until foot of sock (including heel) measures 2 in less than desired length.

To find the finished length your sock should be, stand barefoot on a sheet of paper. Using a pencil, make a mark in front of your big toe, and another behind your heel. Measure the length between the marks and add 1/4 inch. This is your finished length.

Toe

Round 1 (decrease round): *(K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1), rep from * on other needle.

Round 2: Knit.

Continue to work these 2 rounds until 16(20,24) sts remain.

Work round 1 once more.

Break yarn, leaving a 12" tail.

Finishing

Using a tapestry needle, graft toe using Kitchener stitch.

Weave in all ends securely. Wear and be fabulous!

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