

# Worsted-Weight Top-Down Socks for Magic Loop



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## Materials

**Yarn:** 180 yds worsted-weight yarn.

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

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts/in in St st.

**Needles:** US #7 - 8 – whatever kind you use to knit in the round (DPNs, magic loop, 2 circulars, etc.) AND in whatever size YOU require to obtain correct gauge. Gauge matters, needle size doesn't.

**Notions:** Stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors.

**Sizes:** Small-Medium (Medium-Large)

**Finished Measurements:** Foot circumference: 7(8) 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 28(32) sts. Make sure there are no twists in the round. PM for BOR.

Round 1: \*K1, P1, rep from \* to end of round.

Repeat Round 1 for 1.5 in.

Next: Work in St st for 5 in.

## Heel Flap

Row 1: Sl 1, K 13(15). These will be the heel flap sts. You may want to place a marker into this first row so it is easy to count your rows later on. TURN.

Row 2: Sl 1, P across heel flap.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until your heel flap is 16 rows tall. You should be ready to work a K row.

## Turn Heel

Begin working back and forth across heel as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1, K6(7), SSK, K1. (4(5) sts remain on L needle). Turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, P1, P2tog, P1, (4(5) sts remain on R needle). Turn.

**Note:** From here on out, you will notice that you are decreasing across a visible “gap” in the stitches. This is a good thing and it’s a sign that you are decreasing in the right spot.

Row 3: Sl 1, K2, SSK, K1. 2(3) sts remain on L needle. Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P3, P2tog, P1. 2(3) sts remain on R needle. Turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, K4, SSK, K1. 9(11) sts on heel needle. 0(1) sts remain on L needle.

Size Small-Medium: Go to **Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset**, below.

Note: There will still be a gap two sts in on the R side of the heel sts. You will close this gap in the next round.

Size Medium-Large:

Row 6: Sl 1, P5, P2tog, P1. 1 st remains on R needle. Turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, K6, SSK. 9 sts on heel needle. 0 sts remain on L needle. Go to **Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset**, below.

## Pick Up Sts for Heel Gusset

You will use markers to distinguish the sts of the left and right gussets from the sts in the turned heel. After placing markers, slip them as you come to them.

Using the same (heel) needle, PM. Pick up and knit 8 sts along the L side of the heel.

Instep: K across instep.

Heel needle: Pick up and knit 8 sts along the other side of the heel. PM. K1, K2tog (this

finishes turning the heel). K across all heel sts until there are 3 sts left on heel needle.  
K2tog, K1.  
Instep: K across instep.

## **Gusset**

### **Round 1**

(heel needle): K1(0), SKP, K to end.

(instep needle): K across instep.

### **Round 2**

(heel needle): K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

(instep needle): K across instep.

Continue to work rounds 1-2 until 14(16) sts remain on heel needle [28(32) sts total].

## **Foot**

Work in St st until foot of sock (including heel) measures 1.5 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: \*(K1, SKP, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1), rep from \* on other needle.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1-2 until 8 sts remain on each needle (16 sts total).

Break yarn, leaving a 12 in. tail.

## **Finishing**

Using a tapestry needle, graft toe using Kitchener stitch.

Weave in all ends securely. Block (optional), wear and be fabulous!

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