

Jennifer's Mini-Sock Recipe

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Good for Sock "Identifiers", Ornaments and Decorations.

WARNING: Knitting mini-socks is addicting! For even more uses for mini-socks, as well as other mini-sock patterns, visit the [Socknitter's website](#).

In these instructions, the numbers for fingering weight yarn come first, followed by numbers for dk/sport weight yarn in parentheses. If only one number appears, it applies to both weights of yarn. If you normally knit socks on 5 dpns, I recommend using only 4 dpns for this project because of the size of the sock.

Stitch Glossary:

K = knit

P = purl

Kwise = Knitwise or as if to knit

Pwise = Purlwise or as if to purl

K2tog = knit two stitches together

P2tog = purl two stitches together

SSK = slip 2 stitches one by one as if to knit onto the right needle and then knit them together through the back of the loop

1x1 Rib = *Knit one, purl one.* Repeat from * to *.

St st = stockinette stitch (knit on the front, purl on the back)

R = row or round

A NOTE ON GAUGE AND NEEDLES: Fingering weight yarn gets about 7 to 8 stitches to the inch, on US#0-2; DK weight gets about 6 to 6.5 stitches to the inch on US#3-4. This is for sock gauge, which is usually tighter than the usual gauge for the given yarn.

CASTING ON AND START OF SOCK CUFF:

Use any fingering or dk/sport weight yarn, even leftover tapestry yarn is good for this since you don't need a lot. Using dpns appropriate to each weight of yarn, cast on 16 (12) stitches on a single needle, leaving about a foot-long tail at the cast-on. Knit 1x1 rib (K1,P1) back on the first row and then divide evenly over 3 dpns and join for circular knitting.

SOCK LEG:

Knit 1x1 rib for 4 rounds; then knit stockinette for 6-8 rounds. If you want to refine this, you can cast on 2 or 4 less stitches for the rib and then increase the same # of stitches when you start the stockinette portion.

SET UP FOR HEEL:

Place half your stitches on needle #1. Divide the rest on needles #2 and #3 for the instep. Knit to the end of needle #1.

Purl back to the beginning of needle #1.

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HEEL FLAP:

Row 1: knit to end of row.

Row 2: purl to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more for a total of 5 rows.

TURN THE HEEL (Fingering weight):

Row 1: knit to the middle stitch and then ssk the next 2 stitches, turn.

Row 2: Slip 1 pwise, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1 pwise, ssk the next 2 stitches, turn.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Repeat row 2.

2 stitches remain on heel needle (needle #1).

TURN THE HEEL (DK/Sport weight):

Row 1: knit to the middle stitch and then ssk the next 2 stitches, turn.

Row 2: Slip 1 pwise, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1 pwise, ssk the last 2 stitches, turn.

Row 4: Slip 1 pwise, p2tog.

2 stitches remain on heel needle (needle #1).

GUSSET:

Knit across the 2 heel stitches, then pick up 7 (5) stitches along the left side of the heel flap, knit across instep stitches, pick up 7 (5) stitches along the right side of heel flap.

Rearrange your stitches so that you now have 8 (6) stitches (1 heel & 7 [5] picked-up stitches) on needle #1, 8 (6) instep stitches on needle #2, and 8 (6) stitches (7 [5] picked-up and 1 heel stitch) on needle #3.

K one round.

Round 1:

Needle #1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle #2: k

Needle #3: k1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit

Repeat these two rounds until you have the same number of stitches as you started with. (16 for fingering weight, 12 for dk/sport weight.)

FOOT:

Knit 6-8 rounds.

(OK-if you've been doing this right, at this point the bottom of your sock should look like a head from Easter Island.)

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DECREASE FOR TOE (Fingering weight):

Round 1:

Needle #1: k1, k2tog, k1.

Needle #2: k1, ssk, k to within 3 stitches of the end, k2tog, k1.

Needle #3: k1, ssk, k1.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3:

Needle #1: k2tog, k1.

Needle #2: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1.

Needle #3: k1, ssk.

Round 4: Knit

DECREASE FOR TOE (DK/Sport weight):

Round 1:

Needle #1: k2tog, k1.

Needle #2: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1.

Needle #3: k1, ssk.

Round 2: Knit.

If you want to graft the toe stitches together, k to end of needle # 1 and then graft. If not, just break off the end of the yarn, leaving about 4 inches of tail and thread it through a tapestry needle and then weave the needle through the remaining stitches and pull together for a "star" toe. Either are anatomically "correct".

After you weave in the tail for the toe on the inside of the sock, go back and thread the tail from the cast-on through a tapestry needle and join the gap in the cast-on at the top of the sock. Use the remaining tail to crochet a chain for hanging or add a tassel or chord. Knitter's choice.



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