

# ITSY BITSY KISS SOCKS

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**LOOM & SIZE:** The sample was knitted on a Kiss FG-0 loom. It results in a sock about 1.6" in circumference, 1.5" from bottom of heel to sock top and 1.5" long from heel to toe. The picture is the actual size of my socks. Using the same pattern on another gauge of Kiss loom should work fine but will result in a somewhat larger sock. I would suggest using the finest gauge loom available to you. The proportion of even tiny stitches to these it'sy bitsy socks is already large. The socks will look cuter and more realistic in fine gauge fabrics than they will in bulky ones. If your fabric gets 3[4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10] stitches per inch [2.54 cm] your sock circumference will be 5.3[4, 3.2, 2.7, 2.3, 2, 1.8, 1.6]" or 13.5 [10.2, 8.1, 6.9, 5.8, 5.1, 4.6, 4.1] and the lengths of the foot and heel to top will be similar to the circumference.

**YARN:** Use a #1 weight sock yarn. One that has some stretch is the best choice. This will make the sock both easier to knit and better looking. I used Patons Stretch for the sample. The color changes were provided by the self striping yarn but one could achieve the same effect by changing yarn colors after knitting the heel and again before beginning the toe.

**GAUGE:** It's actually not important for this sock. But it is important to choose a yarn that will make a nice tight fabric on your loom because that affects the appearance of the sock. Be aware that stretchy yarns don't tend to achieve their true gauge and look until the fabric has been washed in hot soapy water and dried. I do this in a little saucepan full of hot suds and air dry in the sun or on the coolest edge of my wood stove in the winter. No need for a washer and dryer for a sock this size!

## KNIT A SOCK

Set your loom up to knit on 16 pegs in the round. Double e-wrap cast on each peg to cast on. Knit 1, purl 1 all the way around the loom for 10 rows [rounds]. Using 8 pegs, short row in to 2 stitches, then short-row back out to 8 again. Use the German short-rowing

method. It is fully explained in the video below and saves trying to wrap and turn in this tiny space. Knit 10 plain rounds. Make a toe in the same manner as the heel was knitted. Kitchener stitch the toe closed.

#### **TIPS**

- You may add rows to the sock top and to the foot if you wish to change the proportions of the sock.
- Some knitters have good success removing the stitches onto 2 small needles and Kitchenering [grafting] from there. Another option would be to knit a few rows of waste yarn and Kitchener from that. I was able to Kitchener directly from the loom. However, this is for advanced knitter as one must correctly visualize the stitches in a way that's not obvious while the work is on the loom. Links below show the videos in my Loom Knitters Sockumentary series that will help with any skills you need coaching on. You will need to copy and paste the links below into your browser.
- If your toes and heels don't come out as neatly as you wish, simply turn them inside out and use matching yarn to tighten them up. These socks are *ONLY* for decoration so who will know or care?
- If the ribbing drives you nuts, 5 rounds is enough. The other 5 may be stockinette. But 10 ribbing rounds does look better.
- The loom is shown actual size above right. With 16 pegs, there is just enough working room to get the job done and allow the sock to come through the opening. It's a snug space but it works. The new Knit & Purl tool from [www.knitandpurltool.com](http://www.knitandpurltool.com) is a big help working in this tight space. You may have seen my Itsy Bitsy Cindwood sock pattern for the Cindwood keychain loom. That one doesn't work for Kisses. The space is just too constricted.



#### **FUN THINGS TO DO WITH THESE MINI SOCKS**

- Make a whole bunch and decorate a wreath with them
- Use them as dangly ornaments anytime, anywhere
- Add them to greeting cards
- Attach them to earring wires
- Use them on nametags for crafting events
- Hang a string of them on a doll clothes line
- Outfit Barbie, Ken and similar dolls with cozy socks
- Attach them to barrettes or hair combs



## THE VIDEOS BELOW WILL HELP YOU WITH ANY UNFAMILIAR SOCK KNITTING SKILLS

These are not interactive links. You must copy and paste them into your browser.

Loom Knitters Sockumentaries-this is a large play list full of sock knitting skills. Direct links to some of the most useful videos for this particular project are below.

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw>

Kitchener stitch using waste yarn

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAJqOafdMpw&index=4&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

[v=dAJqOafdMpw&index=4&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAJqOafdMpw&index=4&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

German Short Rows

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCwzoAzVAOY&index=34&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

[v=wCwzoAzVAOY&index=34&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCwzoAzVAOY&index=34&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

Working the Kitchener Stitch from needles

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsujMcb1wH8&index=31&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

[v=WsujMcb1wH8&index=31&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsujMcb1wH8&index=31&list=PLezPGIR4gsIfDV59jSxoJTTmkmlr-Ke8gw)

The links above are correct. However in some browsers, it is necessary to remove the "s" after the http to get them to work.

### FYI

I have an entire index of Kiss videos on the Kiss pages on my website. It is stuffed with Kiss skills and projects of all kinds. The site is <http://Www.theanswerlady.com> From the home page, click where it says "loom knitters click here". This will take you to a loom knitting index that includes pages for all sorts of looms. At the top of this index page, there is a link to the Kiss video index. If you enjoy this little sock, you might also enjoy my book:

### Socks of All Sorts for Knitting Looms

It is available from the loom knitting pages on my website.

### SOCKS OF ALL SORTS FOR KNITTING LOOMS

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Infant to XL adult

Choose your details, size and gauge and make any sock you like.

