

ANBUDDKNITS

Celebrate Spring Socks



The pattern in these socks reminds me of buds on trees and tender daffodil and tulip shoots peeking out of the ground. Maybe it's been a long winter and I have an overactive imagination. The socks are knitted from the cuff to the toe so that the pattern stitch forms decorative scallops at the tops of the cuffs. The upper leg is worked on needles one size larger than needed for gauge so that the sock conforms to the shape of the leg. The rest of the socks are knitted on smaller needles than suggested on the ball band to make them thick and sturdy. The yarn is a superwash sock yarn that comes in a variety of handdyed colors from Sunshine Yarns (www.sunshinyarns.com).

Finished Size

About 7" (18 cm) foot circumference, 9½" (24 cm) foot length, and 8½" (21.5 cm) from top of leg to base of heel.

Yarn

Sunshine Yarns Classic Superwash Sock Yarn 100% merino; 370 yds/ 100 g: 1 skein (shown in Tea Tree).

Needles

Upper leg: Size U.S. 1 (2.25 mm): set of 4 double-pointed. **Lower leg and foot:** Size U.S. 0 (2 mm): set of 4 double-pointed. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Marker (m)
Tapestry needle

Gauge

9 stitches and 13 rounds = 1" (2.5 cm) in stockinette stitch on smaller needles, worked in rounds.

Leg

With larger needles and using a flexible method, CO 70 sts. Arrange sts on 3 needles so that there are 20 sts on Needle 1, 30 sts on Needle 2, and 20 sts on Needle 3.

Place marker (pm), and join for working in rnds, being careful not to twist the sts.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnds 4, 6, and 8: *K1, yo, k3, sl 2 tog knitwise, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over (p2sso), k3, yo; rep from *.

(Note: There will be yarnover (yo) at the end of each needle; be sure that these yarnovers do not slip off the needles before they are knitted on the next row.)

Rnds 5, 7, and 9: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1–9 three more times.

Change to smaller needles.

Rep Rnds 1–9 four more times (8 reps total), then work Rnds 1–3 once more—piece measures about 5¾" (14.5 cm) from CO edge, or work until desired length to top of heel, ending with Rnd 3 of patt.



Heel

K18, turn work around. With WS facing, sl 1 purlwise with yarn in front (wyf), p33—34 heel sts on one needle; rem 36 sts will be worked later for instep.



Heel flap

Work 34 heel sts back and forth in rows as foll:

Row 1: (RS) *Sl 1 purlwise with yarn in back (wyb), k1; rep from *.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 purlwise wyf, purl to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until a total of 34 rows have been worked—17 chain edge sts along each selvedge edge.

Turn heel

Work short-rows as foll:

Short-Row 1: (RS) Sl 1 purlwise wyb, k18, ssk, k1, turn.

Short-Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 purlwise wyf, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Short-Row 3: Sl 1 purlwise wyb, knit to 1 st before gap formed on previous short-row, ssk (worked on 1 st each side of gap), k1, turn.

Short-Row 4: Sl 1 purlwise wyf, purl to 1 st before gap formed on previous short-row, p2tog (worked on 1 st each side of gap), p1, turn.

Rep Short-Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked—20 heel sts rem.

Gussets

Rejoin for working in rnds as follows:

With RS facing and Needle 1, k20 heel sts, then pick up and knit 18 sts along selvedge edge of heel flap (pick up 1 st in each chain edge st plus 1 st at the base of the heel flap); with Needle 2, work 36 instep sts as: k3, yo [k3, sl 2 tog knitwise, k1, p2sso, k3, yo, k1, yo] 2 times, k3, sl 2 tog knitwise, k1, p2sso, k3, yo, k4; with Needle 3, pick up and knit 18 sts along other selvedge edge of heel flap (pick up 1 st at base of heel flap, then 1 st in each chain edge st), then knit the first 10 sts from Needle 1 again—92 sts

total; 28 sts on Needle 1, 36 sts on Needle 2, 28 sts on Needle 3.

Rnd begins at back of heel.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: On Needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 2, k3, yo [k3, sl 2 tog knitwise, k1, p2sso, k3, yo, k1, yo] 2 times, k3, sl 2 tog knitwise, k2, p2sso, k3, yo, k4; on Needle 3, ssk, knit to end—2 sts dec'd.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 70 sts rem—17 sts on Needle 1, 36 sts on Needle 2, 17 sts on Needle 3.

Foot

Work even in patt as established until piece measures 7½" (19 cm) from back of heel or about 2" (2.5 cm) less than desired total length.



Toe

Next rnd: On Needle 1, knit; on Needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 3, knit—68 sts rem; 17 sts on Needle 1, 34 sts on Needle 2, 17 sts on Needle 3.

Dec at each side of foot as foll:

Rnd 1: On Needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end—4 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 36 sts rem—9 sts on Needle 1, 18 sts on Needle 2, 9 sts on Needle 3.

Rep Rnd 1 only (dec every rnd) until 16 sts rem—4 sts on Needle 1, 8 sts on Needle 2, 4 sts on Needle 1.

Finishing

With Needle 3, knit the sts from Needle 1—8 sts each on 2 needles. Cut yarn, leaving a 10" (25.5 cm) tail.

Thread tail on a tapestry needle and use the Kitchener st to join rem sts.

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.