

RUTHLESS KNITTING

XOXO Baby Socks by Ruth Homrighaus



Size

These socks are sized to fit a newborn. Fingering-weight yarn may be substituted for the DK-weight yarn specified but should probably be knit on larger needles to ensure that the socks will not be too small.

Materials

Small amount of Henry's Attic Kona Superwash DK, undyed, or substitute sock yarn

Set of 4 US size 2 double-pointed needles or size to obtain gauge

Gauge

About 7 sts to 1" in stockinette stitch.

Abbreviations

c2 over 2 left

To work without a cable needle: Slip 2 stitches purlwise with yarn in back, knit 2 stitches, place left needle into front of the 2 slipped stitches, pinch with fingers and hold them as you slide the right needle out of the four

c2 over 2 right

stitches just worked, place the 2 knit stitches onto the right needle, place the 2 slipped stitches onto the left needle, and knit the 2 slipped stitches.

To work with a cable needle: Slide 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in front, knit two stitches, knit two stitches from cable needle.

To work without a cable needle: Slip 2 stitches purlwise with yarn in back, knit 2 stitches, place left needle into the two slipped stitches from the back, pinch with fingers and hold them as you slide the right needle out of the four stitches just worked, place the 2 knit stitches onto the right needle, place the 2 slipped stitches onto the left needle, and knit the 2 slipped stitches.

To work with a cable needle: Slide 2 stitches onto cable needle and hold in back, knit two stitches, knit two stitches from cable needle.

dpn(s)

double-pointed needles

k

knit

k2tog

knit two together

p

purl

rep

repeat

RS

right side

sl

slip

ssk

slip, slip, knit: Slip 2 stitches knitwise from left to right needle one at a time, then place left needle into front of the two stitches just slipped and knit them together.

sts

stitches

wyib

with yarn in back

Pattern

Cast on 30 sts.

Cuff

Row 1. (P2, k2) across, ending with p2.

Row 2. (K2, p2) across, ending with k2.

Rep rows 1-2. Rep row 1.

Leg

Row 6. (K2, p2) twice, k2, p1, k8, p1, k2, (p2, k2) twice.

Odd-numbered rows 7–21. (P2, k2) twice, p2, k1, p8, k1, p2, (k2, p2) twice.

Row 8. (K2, p2) twice, k2, p1, c2 over 2 right, c2 over 2 left, p1, k2, (p2, k2) twice.

Row 10. Rep row 6.

Row 12. (K2, p2) twice, k2, p1, c2 over 2 left, c2 over 2 right, p1, k2, (p2, k2) twice.

Row 14. Rep row 6.

Row 16. Rep row 12.

Row 18. Rep row 6.

Row 20. Rep row 8.

Row 22. Rep row 6.

Heel flap

With RS facing, distribute sts onto dpns as follows: first 8 sts on needle 1, second 14 sts on needle 2, final 8 sts on needle 3. Join in the round by working 8 sts from needle 1 in (k2, p2) twice. Turn. Sl1, p8 (working all heel sts onto same needle), place 2 sts just worked on holder, p7. Redistribute 14 sts on needle 2 onto 2 needles.

Row 1. Sl1, (k1, sl1wyib) 6 times, k1.

Row 2. Sl1, p13.

Rep rows 1-2 4 times.

Turn heel

With RS facing, k8, k2tog, k1, turn. Sl1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn. Sl1, k4, k2tog, k1, turn. Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. Sl1, k6, k2tog, turn. Sl1, p7, p2tog, turn. 8 sts rem.

Gusset

K across 8 rem sts. Using the same needle (needle 1), pick up and knit 9 sts (7 in slipped edge sts of heel flap and 2 in gap between heel flap and leg).

Switch to a second dpn (needle 2) and k2, p1, k8, p1, k2 onto needle.

Switch to a third dpn (needle 3) and pick up and knit 9 sts as for other side.

Cont knitting across 4 sts of heel on this needle. 40 sts.

Row 1. K11, k2tog, k2, p1, c2 over 2 right, c2 over 2 left, p1, k2, ssk, k11. 38 sts.

Row 2. K14, p1, k8, p1, k14.

Row 3. K10, k2tog, k2, p1, k8, p1, k2, ssk, k10. 36 sts.

Row 4. K13, p1, k8, p1, k13.

Row 5. K9, k2tog, k2, p1, c2 over 2 left, c2 over 2 right, p1, k2, ssk, k9. 34 sts.

Row 6. K12, p1, k8, p1, k12.

Row 7. K8, k2tog, k2, p1, k8, p1, k2, ssk, k8. 32 sts.

Row 8. K11, p1, k8, p1, k11.

Row 9. K7, k2tog, k2, p1, c2 over 2 left, c2 over 2 right, p1, k2, ssk, k7. 30 sts.

Row 10. K10, p1, k8, p1, k10.
Row 11. K6, k2tog, k2, p1, k8, p1, k2, ssk, k6. 28 sts.
Row 12. K9, p1, k8, p1, k9.
Row 13. K9, p1, c2 over 2 right, c2 over 2 left, p1, k9.
Row 14. K9, p1, k8, p1, k9.

Toe

Row 1. K5, k2tog, ssk, k10, k2tog, ssk, k5. 24 sts.
Row 2. K around.
Row 3. K4, k2tog, ssk, k8, k2tog, ssk, k4. 20 sts.
Row 4. K around.
Row 5. K3, k2tog, ssk, k6, k2tog, ssk, k3. 16 sts.
Row 6. K around.
Row 7. K2, k2tog, ssk, k4, k2tog, ssk, k2. 12 sts.
Row 8. K1, k2tog, ssk, k2, k2tog, ssk, k1. 8 sts.

Finishing

K2 so that top and bottom 4 sts are each on one needle. Break yarn and graft rem sts together. Sew seam. Weave in ends and block.

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