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1, 110 gram skein of fingering weight sock yarn (Yarn Love's 'Joan of Arc' weight merino/tencel blend sock yarn is an excellent choice)

Size 2 US double pointed needles (or size required to achieve gauge)

Double pointed or 12" circular needles that are slightly bigger than the size 2s (or whatever size needle you find yourself using).

When I knit this pair of socks, I used Addi size 2, 12" circular needles for the leg and switched to the DPNs at the heel, and used the DPNs for the rest of the sock (Addis tend to run slightly larger than the needle size they claim to be). If I hadn't have had the Addis available, I would have knit the leg in size 3 DPNs.

Row counter

Yarn needle

Stitch markers

Cable needle (or, just use one of your DPNs. That's what I did)



Saucy! Step by Step

Size: 1, women's.

Finished Measurements: From the cuff to the top of the heel, the sock measures 8". Leg circumference is 8", unstretched and unblocked. Foot length will depend on length of foot.

Gauge: 7 ½ sts in stockinette stitch = 1" (before blocking); 11 rows = 1" in stockinette (before blocking)

Special note – The gauge in this pattern is for the foot of the sock, knitted with size 2 needles. Because the cabled pattern does not stretch as much as ribbing might, the leg of the sock is knit with bigger needles. Basically, for whatever size needles give you the gauge above, go up a size to knit the leg.

Abbreviations found at end of pattern.

1. Loosely CO 60 sts on your bigger sized circular or double pointed needles. If you're using 12" circular needles, place stitch markers every 20 stitches. If you're using DPNs, place 20 stitches on each of 3 DPNs. Join into a round, being careful not to twist your stitches, and place a stitch marker where the round begins.
2. Knit the first 10 rounds in a *K1, P1, K2, P1* ribbing repeat.
3. Reset your row counter, and start the main pattern. Knit 7 repeats of the main pattern:
 1. *K1, YO, K3, SSK, K8, K2TOG, K3, YO, K1* x 3.
 2. Knit all stitches.
 3. *K2, YO, K3, SSK, K6, K2TOG, K3, YO, K2* x 3.
 4. Knit all stitches.
 5. *K3, YO, K3, SSK, K4, K2TOG, K3, YO, K3* x 3.

6. Knit all stitches.
7. *K4, YO, K3, SSK, K2, K2TOG, K3, YO, K4* x 3.
8. Knit all stitches.
9. *K5, YO, K3, SSK, K2TOG, K3, YO, K5* x 3.
10. Knit all stitches.
11. *K6, Slip 4 sts to CN and hold to back, K4, K4 from CN, K6* x 3.
12. Knit all stitches.

4. After knitting the 7 pattern repeats, knit the following round:

K20, K1, YO, K3, SSK, K8, K2TOG, K3, YO, K1, K20.

5. Switch to the smaller needles to knit the heel flap and rest of the sock.
6. The heel flap is an Eye of Partridge heel flap, with a 3 stitch garter stitch edging. You'll set it up by knitting 15 stitches, and then turning your work.
7. Purl 30 stitches and turn. At this point, make sure the stitches you've just worked are all on one DPN for the heel, and the other 30 stitches are on a different DPN to be held for the instep. The instep stitches should have the main cabled pattern running right down the center of the stitches.
8. Repeat the following 4 rows 8 times on the heel stitches for a total of 32 rows:
 1. K3, *Sl 1, K1* to last 3 sts, K3.
 2. K3, Purl to last 3 sts, K3.
 3. K3, *K1, Sl 1* to last 3 sts, K3.
 4. K3, Purl to last 3 sts, K3.
9. Now it's time to turn the heel. Hooray! Go ahead and knit the next 4 rows:
 1. Sl 1, K15, SSK, K1, turn.
 2. Sl 1, P3, P2TOG, P1, turn.
 3. Sl 1, Knit to within 1 stitch of the gap, SSK, K1, turn.
 4. Sl 1, Purl to within 1 stitch of the gap, P2TOG, P1, turn.



10. Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches are worked. The last two rows you knit will end with the decrease.

At this point, 16 stitches should remain on the heel needle.

11. Knit across the heel stitches.

12. Pick up and knit 16 stitches from the side of the heel flap.

13. Knit across the instep stitches.

14. Pick up and knit 16 stitches from the other side of the heel flap.

15. With the same needle that you just picked up the stitches with, knit the first 8 stitches off of the heel needle.

16. Slide the other 8 stitches to the same needle that you picked up the first set of stitches with. This needle is now Needle 1, and it marks the beginning of a round. The instep needle is now Needle 2, and the last needle is Needle 3. Needle 1 and Needle 3 should both have 24 stitches, and Needle 2 should have 30.

17. Now it's time to decrease the gusset. Since you'll be working the instep stitches in pattern and it might become confusing, all 18 rounds of the gusset decrease are laid out for you as follows. So, go ahead and knit the next 18 rounds:



1. Needle 1 - Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 - K7, YO, K3, SSK, K6, K2TOG, K3, YO, K7.

Needle 3 - K1, SSK, K to end.

2. Knit all stitches of the round.

3. Needle 1 - Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 - K8, YO, K3, SSK, K4, K2TOG, K3, YO, K8.

Needle 3 - K1, SSK, K to end.

4. Knit all stitches of the round.

5. Needle 1 - Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 - K9, YO, K3, SSK, K2, K2TOG, K3, YO, K9.

Needle 3 - K1, SSK, K to end.

6. Knit all stitches of the round.

7. Needle 1 - Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 - K10, YO, K3, SSK, K2TOG, K3, YO, K10.

Needle 3 – K1, SSK, K to end.

8. Knit all stitches of the round.

9. Needle 1 – Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 – K11, Slip 4 sts to CN and hold to back, K4, K4 from CN, K11.

Needle 3 – K1, SSK, K to end.

10. Knit all stitches of the round.

11. Needle 1 – Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.

Needle 2 – K6, YO, K3, SSK, K8, K2TOG, K3, YO, K6.

Needle 3 – K1, SSK, K to end.

12. Knit all stitches of the round.

13. As round 1.

14. Knit all stitches of the round.

15. As round 3.

16. Knit all stitches of the round.

17. As round 5.

18. Knit all stitches of the round.

18. At this point, you should have 30 stitches on Needle 2, and 15 stitches on each of Needles 1 and 3.



19. Repeat the following 12 rounds until your sock measures 2" less than the desired length. You'll only be knitting the main pattern stitches on Needle 2 – all stitches on Needles 1 and 3 are knit stitches during the main pattern repeat.

1. K10, YO, K3, SSK, K2TOG, K3, YO, K10.
2. Knit all stitches.
3. K11, Slip 4 sts to CN and hold to back, K4, K4 from CN, K11.
4. Knit all stitches.
5. K6, YO, K3, SSK, K8, K2TOG, K3, YO, K6.
6. Knit all stitches.
7. K7, YO, K3, SSK, K6, K2TOG, K3, YO, K7.
8. Knit all stitches.
9. K8, YO, K3, SSK, K4, K2TOG, K3, YO, K8.
10. Knit all stitches.
11. K9, YO, K3, SSK, K2, K2TOG, K3, YO, K9.
12. Knit all stitches.

20. Look out! It's time to knit the toe! The toe is knit using a slipped stitch pattern similar to the one used for the eye of partridge heel. Repeat the following 4 rounds 5 times for a total of 20 rounds:

1. *Sl 1, K1* to end.

2. Needle 1 – Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.
Needle 2 – K1, SSK, Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.
Needle 3 – K1, SSK, Knit to end.
 3. *K1, Sl 1* to end.
 4. Knit all stitches.
21. Now, knit the following 4 rounds 3 times for a total of 12 rounds:
1. *Sl 1, K1* to end.
 2. Needle 1 – Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.
Needle 2 – K1, SSK, Knit to the last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1.
Needle 3 – K1, SSK, Knit to end.
 3. *K1, Sl 1* to end.
 4. As round 2.
22. Knit the remaining stitches on Needle 1. Slide the 4 stitches on Needle 3 onto Needle 1. Using the Kitchener stitch, graft the two sets of stitches on Needles 1 and 2 together.
23. All you have left to do is turn the sock inside out and weave in all of your ends. Oh, and knit the second sock. 😊 Congratulations!



Abbreviations

CN = Cable needle

CO = Cast on

DPNs = Double pointed needles

K = Knit

K2TOG = Knit two stitches together

P = Purl

P2TOG = Purl two stitches together

Sl 1 = Slip one stitch purlwise

SSK = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch knitwise, and then knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loops

sts = Stitches

... x 3 = Repeat the instructions inside the stars 3 times, or by however many times the pattern says.

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