

Bamboo Lace Socks

by Lara Teter

These short-cuffed lace socks, knit in bamboo, make a nice, summery knit. The ribbed lace is very stretchy, allowing a good fit on a variety of foot shapes and sizes.

Yarn:

SRK On Your Toes Bamboo
75% Bamboo, 25% Nylon
100 g (3.5 oz), 328 yds (300 m)

Needles:

US 1 (2.25 mm)
Set of 5 double-pointed (DPN),
two circular (any length),
or magic loop (32" or 40")

Gauge:

8 sts/12 rows per inch
in stockinette st



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	knit
—	purl
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/	K2tog
\	SSK

Cuff and leg:

CO 66 stitches.

Work half inch of ribbing as follows: *K5, P2, K2, P2* (repeat from * to end of round)

Begin stitch pattern. Work two repeats of pattern (or to desired length of leg.)

Heel:

Row 1: (RS): K5, P2, K2, P2, K5, P2, turn

Row 2: (WS): P7, K2, P2, K2, P5, K2, P2, K2, P7, turn

Row 3: P2, K5, P2, K2, P2, K5, P2, K2, P2, K5, P2

Time to arrange needles:

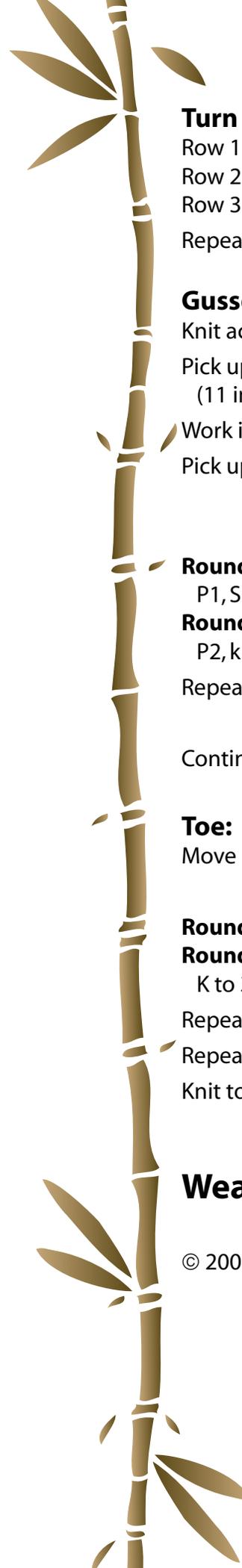
DPN: These 31 stitches are on one needle, instep stitches are on two needles

Circular needles: These 31 stitches are on one needle, instep stitches are on the other needle

Magic loop: These 31 stitches are on one side of cable, instep stitches are on the other side.

Repeat heel rows 2 & 3 until heel flap is 2" in length, ending with a WS row.

(You are continuing in ribbing, always purling 2 edge stitches.)



Turn Heel:

Row 1 (RS): P2, K19, SSK, turn

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, P11, P2tog, turn

Row 3: Sl1, K11, SSK, turn

Repeat last 2 rows until all heel stitches have been worked. You will end with row 2.

Gusset and Foot:

Knit across heel flap.

Pick up and knit 12 stitches along right side of heel flap

(11 in spaces between garter ridges and 1 in the gap before instep stitches.)

Work instep stitches in pattern. (You will begin and end with stitches 8 and 9 on the chart.)

Pick up stitches along left side of the heel flap, as you did for right.

You should now have 35 stitches on the instep and 37 stitches on the sole.

Beginning of round is in the middle of the sole.

Round 1 (decrease round): Knit to 3 stitches before the end of sole. P2tog, P1. Work instep in pattern. P1, SSP. Knit to end of row.

Round 2 (regular round): Knit to 2 stitches before end of sole. P2. Work instep in pattern. P2, knit to end of row.

Repeat these 2 rounds a total of 3 times.

You now have a total of 66 stitches again (35 instep, 31 sole).

Continue knitting regular row until 2 inches less than desire length of foot.

Toe:

Move 1 stitch from each end of instep to the sole.

33 stitches each on instep and sole.

Round 1 (regular round): Knit

Round 2 (decrease round): K to 3 stitches before the end of sole. K2tog, K1. K1, SSK, K to 3 stitches before the end of instep, K2tog, K1. K1, SSK, K to end of round.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 30 stitches left (total.)

Repeat Round 2 (decreasing every round) until you have 18 stitches left.

Knit to end of sole and graft toe closed.

Wear and enjoy!

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