

JEANNEE
Baby/Toddler Socks



To Fit: Baby (Toddler-age 2)

Materials: 1 ball of Jeannee makes 1 pair of socks.

Gauge: 6 sts = 1" on a US 4 needle.

Needles: US 4 double pointed needles, or size necessary to obtain given gauge.

Note: When slipping stitches, always slip as if to purl, except for the SKP.

CUFF:

With one needle, cast on 24 (28) sts. Divide onto 3 needles. Being careful not to twist the sts, join and work in the round as follows: (K2, P2) around for 3 (3½)". Knit 2 rounds.

DIVIDE FOR HEEL:

Transfer sts around so that there are 12 (14) sts on the first needle, and 6 (7) sts on each of the other two needles. Work back and forth across the first needle ONLY as follows:

Row 1: (Slip 1, K1), repeat across.

Row 2: Slip the first st, PURL ACROSS ALL THE REMAINING STS. Repeat these 2 rows for 12 (14) rows total, then work row 1 once more. The heel will be 13 (15) rows long.

TURN HEEL:

Row 1: Purl 8 (9) sts, p2tog, p1, TURN.

Row 2: Slip 1, k5, k2tog, k1, TURN.

Row 3: Slip 1, purl to 1 st before the last turn (you'll see a small gap where the last turn was), p2tog, p1, (no p1 for infant size), TURN.

Row 4: Slip 1, knit to 1 st before the last turn (look for the gap), k2tog, k1 (no k1 for smaller size), TURN. Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all sts at the ends are used up, ending with a knit row. There will be 8 (10) sts left.

GUSSET:

Continuing to work on the same needle, pick up and knit 7 (8) sts along the side of the heel (needle 1).

Using a new needle, knit across the sts on the next 2 needles (needle 2). Using a new needle, pick up and knit 7 (8) sts along the other side of the heel, and continue knitting to the center of the heel sts [4 (5) sts] (needle 3). There should now be 11 (13) sts on needles 1 & 3, and 12 (14) sts on needle 2. The center of the heel is the beginning of the round; needle 2 contains the instep sts. Begin decreasing as follows:

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Knit to within 3 sts of the end of the first needle, k2tog, k1. Work across second needle in st st. On third needle, k1, SKP, knit to end. Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 6 (7) sts left on both needles 1 & 3. Needle 2 will remain at 12 (14) sts since no decreases take place there. You will now be back to the original # of sts [24 (28)]. Begin to work even again, until length from back of heel is 3 (3¾)", **OR** 1" less than desired length of finished sock. At this point you can slip the sock on to see the length. Only the toenails should stick out.

TOE SHAPING:

Rearrange the sts on the needles, if necessary, so that there are now 6 (7) sts on each of needles 1 & 3, and 12 (14) sts on needle 2. The beginning of the round is still at the center back of heel. Begin decreasing as follows:

Round 1: On needle 1: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On needle 2: K1, SKP, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On needle 3: K1, SKP, knit to end (center of heel).

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 12 (16) sts left [3 (4) sts on needles 1 & 3, and 6 (8) sts on needle 2].

KITCHNER STITCH:

Continuing to knit with needle 3, knit to the end of needle 1. There are now only 2 needles in use: 6 (8) sts on each. Cut the yarn, leaving 18". Thread it onto a blunt needle. Hold the 2 needles parallel, you will now have a front needle and a back needle. Always keep the yarn beneath the needle as you work.

Step 1: Go into the first st on the front needle as if to knit, pull the st off the needle.

Step 2: Go into the second st on the front needle as if to purl, leave st on the needle.

Step 3: Go into the first st on the back needle as if to purl, pull the st off of the needle.

Step 4: Go into the second st on the back needle as if to knit, leave the st on the needle.

Now you have 4 new sts to work with. Repeat steps 1 - 4 until all sts are woven. Anchor on inside, weave in ends.

Make a second sock; counting rows to make sure it is the same length.

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