

Calico Baby Socks



To Fit Size:

0-6 m (12-24 m, 2-4 years).

Materials: Calico—1—100g ball shown in color 1639 Majestic Blue

Gauge: 28 sts = 4” on a US 4 needle over st st.

Needles: Double pointed needles: size US 4, 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, 32) 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, 4)”. Knit 2 (3, 3) rounds.

DIVIDE FOR HEEL:

Transfer sts around so that there are 12 (14, 16) sts on the first needle, and 6 (7, 8) sts on each of the other two needles. Work back and forth across the first needle ONLY as follows to work the Eye of Partridge Heel:
Row 1: *(Slip 1, k1), repeat from * across.
Row 2: Slip 1, purl across rest of row.

Row 3: Slip 1 *(slip 1, k1); repeat from * across to last st, end k1.

Row 4: Slip 1, purl across rest of row.

Repeat rows 1-4 for 12 (12, 16) rows total, then work row 1(1-3, 1) once more. The heel will be 13 (15, 17) rows long.

TURN HEEL:

Row 1: Purl 8 (9, 10) 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 first & third sizes on last time across), TURN.

Row 4: Slip 1, knit to 1 st before the last turn (look for the gap), k2tog, k1 (no k1 for first and third sizes on last time across), TURN.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all sts at the ends are used up, ending with a knit row. There will be 8 (10, 10) sts left.

GUSSET:

Continuing to work on the same needle, pick up and knit 8 (9, 10) 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 8 (9, 10) sts along the other side of the heel, and continue knitting to the center of the heel sts [4 (5, 5) sts] (needle 3).

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There should now be 12 (14, 15) sts on needles 1 & 3, and 12 (14, 16) 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, 8) sts left on both needles 1 & 3. Needle 2 will remain at 12 (14, 16) sts since no decreases take place there. You will now be back to the original # of sts [24 (28, 32)]. Begin to work even again, until length from back of heel is 3 (3½, 4)", **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, 8) sts on each of needles 1 & 3, and 12 (14, 16) 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, 16) sts left [3 (4, 4) sts on needles 1 & 3, and 8 (8, 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, 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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