

CENTER STAGE SOCKS

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**With
Wool**

With these toe-up socks, the pattern is more engaging than plain stockinette but still lets the yarn take center stage. A simple rib detail adds interest and becomes integral to both the gusset and the heel flap. So, if you have a yarn - solid, striped, or multi - that wants to be the center of attention, this is the pattern for it.

Sizes

8.5" circumference and adjustable length

Gauge

8.5 sts and 11 rows = 1"

Materials & Notions

Fingering Weight Yarn - 332 yds

Shown in Patons Kroy FX - *Cascade Colors*

2.5 mm Needles (Circulars or DPN's)

Stitch Markers

Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

ssk = slip 2 stitches as if to knit and knit them together

pfb = purl into the front and back of a stitch

m1 = make 1 stitch

s1 = slip 1

w&t = wrap and turn

st(s) = stitch(es)

Toe & Foot

Using Judy's Magic Cast-On, cast 16 stitches onto each needle.

Round 1: Knit all

Round 2: *k1, m1, knit to last stitch, m1, k1* twice

Round 3: Knit all

Repeat rounds 2-3 until there are 52 stitches on the needles.

Round 4: k1, m1, p, k22, p, m1, k2, m1, k24, m1, k1 (56 sts)

Round 5: k2, p1, k22, p1, k2, knit remaining

Round 6: k1, m1p, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, m1p, k2, m1, k26, m1, k1 (60)

Round 7: k1, p1, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p1, k1, knit remaining

Round 8: k1, m1p, p1, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p1, m1p, k2, m1, k28, m1, k1 (64)

Round 9: k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, knit remaining

Round 10: m1p, k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, m1p, k1, m1, k30, m1, k1 (68)

Round 11: p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, knit remaining

Repeat Row 11 until the total length measures is 5.75" less than foot length.

Gusset

Round 12: Work the first 2 sts, pfb, work to the last 4 sts, pfb, work remaining stitches

Round 13-14: Work all sts in pattern.

Repeat rounds 12 - 14 until the total stitch count is 102. On the last plain row, place a marker after the first 19 sts and before the last 19 stitches of the instep. Do not knit across the sole since this is the beginning of the heel turn.

Note: If you want to preserve the color sequence, knit across the instep and stop before the gusset stitches. Leaving the gusset stitches for later, begin knitting the heel turn with the other end of the yarn. Continue using this end until the heel flap is completed and then switch back to the previous end.

Heel

Before beginning the heel turn, slip the first and last 2 stitches from the instep onto the sole needle. (38 stitches)

Row 1: k1, p1, k1, m1, k1, then *s1, k1* until the last 2 stitches, w&t

Row 2: purl to the last 2 heel stitches, w&t (1 st wrapped)

Row 3: *k1, s1* until the last 3 stitches, w&t

Row 4: purl to last 3 heel stitches, w&t (2 sts wrapped)

Row 5: *s1, k1* until the last 4 stitches, w&t

Row 6: purl to the last 4 stitches, w&t (3 sts wrapped)

Continue in this pattern, working 1 less stitch every 2 rows, until 10 stitches have been wrapped on each side of the heel. For the final 2 rows of the heel:

On RS: Continue working in pattern, knit to the last stitch, picking up wraps if you feel like it, ssk the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch from the gusset.

On WS: s1, k1, purl to last 2 stitches (picking up wraps if you want), k1, p2tog the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch of the gusset.

For the heel flap, repeat the following two rows until all gusset stitches have been worked.

Row 1: s1, p1, *k1, s1* until the last 2 stitches, p1, ssk

Row 2: s1, k1, purl to last 2 stitches, k1, p2tog

Cuff

Once all gusset stitches have been knit, slip the 2 edge stitches on both sides of the heel flap back to the instep needles.

Resume knitting the cuff and k2tog on the back of the next round to return the sock to 68 sts.

Continue for 4" or 1" short of the desired length. Repeat the following round for 1" and then bind off using Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Cast-Off.

Round 1: p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, *k2, p2* 5 times, k2, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, *k2, p2* to end of round

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