

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOCKS

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**With
Wool**

I cast on for these socks during a road trip because I thought they'd be a great birthday gift for myself and easy travel knitting. They did not disappoint.

Sizes

7.5" (8.5") with adjustable length

Gauge

7 sts and 9 rows = 1" in stockinette

Materials & Notions

DK/Sport Weight Yarn - 250 yds

Shown in MacKintosh Yarns Chubby Sock -
Sex Kitten

2.75 mm needles (DPN's or Circulars) OR size
needed for gauge

Stitch Markers

Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

ssk = slip 1st st as if to knit, slip 2nd st as if
to purl; insert the left needle into the front of
the stitches and knit together

LLinc = insert left needle into the left leg of
the stitch 2 stitches below last worked
stitch and put it on the right needle; knit
into the back leg

LRinc = insert right needle into the right leg
of the stitch below the next stitch and put it
on the left needle; knit

w&t = wrap and turn

st(s) = stitch(es)

Toe

Using [Judy's Magic Cast On](#), make 10 sts on
each needle.

Round 1: knit 1 row

Round 2: *k1, LRinc, knit to last stitch on
instep, LLinc, k1*, repeat once more.

Repeat these two rows until you have 44 (56)
sts on the needles.

Foot

Knit in stockinette until the sock measures
3" (3.75") less than the length of the foot.

On the last row before the gusset, k31 (40) sts,
place marker, k4, place marker, knit to end of
round.

Gusset

Round 1: Knit to marker, LRinc, slip marker, k4,
slip marker, LLinc, knit to end of round.

Round 2: Knit all.

Ending with Round 1, repeat these two rounds
until there are 66 (84) sts on the needles.

Round 3: Knit across instep, k12 (15), LRinc, k
10(13) sts, LRinc, k10 (13) sts, LLinc, k12 (15).

Heel

Knit across the instep, knit the 11 (14) gusset
sts, and work the heel over the next 22 (28)
sts:

Row 1: *k1, slip 1* to last 2 sts, w&t

Row 2: purl to last 2 sts, w&t

Row 3: *k1, slip 1 in pattern* to last 3 sts, w&t

Row 4: purl to last 3 sts, w&t

Row 5: *k1, slip 1 in pattern* to last 4 sts, w&t

Row 6: purl to last 4 sts, w&t

Row 7: *k1, slip 1 in pattern* to last 5 sts, w&t

Row 8: purl to last 5 sts, w&t

Row 9: *k1, slip 1 in pattern* to last 2 heel sts, ssk, turn

Row 10: slip 1, purl to last 2 heel sts, p2tog, turn

Row 11: slip 1, *k1, slip 1* to last heel st, ssk the last heel stitch together with the first gusset st, turn

Row 12: slip 1, purl to last heel st, p2tog, the last heel stitch together with the first gusset st, turn

Repeat Rows 11 and 12 until 2 gusset sts are left on each side. End on a purl row.

Slip 1, *k1, slip 1* to last heel st, ssk the last heel st with the first gusset st and resume knitting in the round. Knit across the instep to the second gusset st and k2tog the gusset st and the first heel st. Knit all heel sts.

Ssk the last gusset st and the first st of the instep, knit to last st of instep and k2tog with the last gusset st on that side. Finish the round in stockinette.

Cuff

Work in stockinette until the cuff measures 2". Work 2 x 2 ribbing for another 2".

Note: If you're working the 7.5" size then you can make the cuff a little longer.

Bind off using [Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off](#) or EZ's Sewn Cast Off.

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