

## Socks!

This is the original pattern as given to me by my friend Jane. It's free for the taking, but if you share it, please say where you got it. Thanks!

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Womens 9 \_ (Mens 11 \_) gauge: on #2 dpn 9 sts = 1", 12 rows = 1"

Cast on 64(68) stitches, divide on to three needles 22+22+20 (24+24+20)

Work in K2 P2 ribbing until length to ankle is obtained. Work to last 17(17) of 3<sup>rd</sup> needle.

Slip these 17 sts and 17 sts from 1<sup>st</sup> needle on to one needle for heel. Divide remaining 30(34) sts on to two needles for instep.

Work heel as follows, with right side facing:

Row 1: S1 K1 across row

Row 2: S1, purl across

Repeat rows 1 and 2 fifteen times more for a total of 32 rows

Turn heel as follows:

Row 1: K19(19), K2tog, K1, turn

Row 2: S1, P5, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 3: S1, K6, K2tog, K1, turn

Row 4: S1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn

Continue in this manner until 20(20) stitches remain, following row 14.

K 10(10) sts to center of heel. Divide sts on to three needles as follows:

First needle: with new needle, K remaining 10(10) sts of heel. Pick up and K 16(16) sts at side of heel.

Second needle: work across instep stitches

Third needle: pick up and K 16(16) sts at other side of heel, K10(10) to center of heel.

Work around as follows:

Round 1:

K to last 3 sts on 1<sup>st</sup> needle, K2tog, K1

Work across 2<sup>nd</sup> needle

On 3<sup>rd</sup> needle, K1, S1, K1, PSSO; K to end of needle

Round 2: knit across all needles

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 8(8) more times for a total of 18 rounds.

Knit regular rounds under foot is desired length, leaving 2 inches to make toe.

Toe:

Round 1:

Knit to last 3 sts on 1<sup>st</sup> needle, K2tog, K1

2<sup>nd</sup> needle: K1, S1, K1, PSSO; K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1

3<sup>rd</sup> needle: K1, S1, K1, PSSO; K to end of needle

Round 2: Knit across all needles

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 24(24) stitches TOTAL remain.

Then, with 3<sup>rd</sup> needle, K6(6) from 1<sup>st</sup> needle; 12 sts on each needle.

Weave or sew all sts together.