

A Touch of Whimsy Socks



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Stats

Finished size: Women's Size 9

Yarn: 4 - 25 gr. skein Crystal Palace Kid Merino Lace Yarn (240 yds per skein - lace wt. yarn

*doubled for pattern) #4686 "Strawberry Soda" colorway or 100 gr. sock yarn of choice.

Needles: Sizes 2 (3.0mm) set of 5 dpns (or sockknitting method of choice). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 8 sts./10 rows per inch in St. st.

Notions: cable needle, darning needle, stitch holder, stitch markers

A Touch of Whimsy pattern for Cuff

Row 1 and all odd rows: *k20, p2; repeat from *

Row 2: *k5, k2tog, yo, k1, cb4, k1, yo, ssk, k5, p2; repeat from *

Row 4: *k3, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k4, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k3, p2; repeat from *

Row 6: *k2, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k6, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k2, p2; repeat from *

Row 8: *k1, k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k2, cf4, k2, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, k1, p2; repeat from *

Row 10: *k2tog x2, yo, k1, yo, k10, yo, k1, yo, ssk x2, p2; repeat from *

Row 12: *k2tog, k2, yo, k12, yo, k2, ssk, p2; repeat from *

A Touch of Whimsy Chart

for those of you who prefer to knit from a chart

Chart Symbol Key

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- knit
- purl
- ▲ k2tog
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- yo
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****NOTE**** Remember - when knitting in the round the chart reads right to left on every row.

Cuff:

Loosely cast on 66 sts., being very careful not to twist sts.

Stitch order on needles: *this order is very important for pattern placement.*

Needle 1 (heel; sole of sock): 17 sts; Needle 2 (instep): 17 sts;

Needle 3 (instep): 16 sts; Needle 4 (heel; sole of sock): 16 sts.

This stitch placement allows for 3 pattern repeats, one repeat will be centered on the front of the cuff.

Picot edge:

Rounds 1-4: knit

Round 5: *k2tog, yo; repeat from * (this eyelet row will create the "picot" edge when it's folded)

Rounds 6-9: knit

Round 10: Fold in half at the eyelet row and pick up one st. from the cast on edge and knit together with 1 stitch from the needle, repeat to end. *Be very careful that you pick up the very 1st cast on loop with the 1st stitch so that the picot edging will be even.*

Rounds 11-12: knit

*Repeat Stitch Pattern 4 times. *remember, the pattern begins on Needle #1**

Next:

Round 1: knit

Round 2: purl (this will allow a neat fold for the cuff)

Rounds 3-4: knit

Round 5: k32, k2tog twice (64 sts total)

Round 6: knit to the last stitch, W&T (bring yarn forward between needles, slip st. from left hand needle to right hand needle; move yarn backward between needles, slip st. back to left hand needle & turn work). *The W&T will correct the orientation of the stitching. *On the next round when you get to the wrapped stitch you are to knit the wrap and stitch together to prevent a hole. Simply slip your needle under the wrap, slip the wrap up & onto the left needle & knit it together with the knit st. as if you are doing a k2tog.*

Turn sock inside out, knit until the stockinette portion of the cuff is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch longer than the "design" portion of the cuff. This will create a lovely background for the "Whimsy" stitch pattern when the cuff is folded.

Short Row Heel

Place 32 instep sts on a stitch holder or leave the sts on 2 dpns. Work remaining 32 heel sts. as follows, knitting back and forth sole/heel needles (needles # 1 & 4).

Part One- decreasing heel sts.:

Row 1: knit to last st., w&t

Row 2: purl to last st., w&t

Row 3: knit to last st. before wrapped st., w&t

Row 4: purl to last st. before wrapped st., w&t

Continue in this fashion until there are 12 live sts. & 10 wrapped sts. on each side of the live sts.

Part Two - increasing heel sts.:

Row 1: knit across 12 live sts to the 1st wrapped st., pick up the wrap with the st. & knit them together, w&t (this st. will now have 2 wraps).

Row 2: purl across to 1st wrapped st., pick up the wrap with the st. & purl them together; w&t (this st. will now have 2 wraps, as will all wrapped sts from here on).

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Row 3: knit across to wrapped st., pick up both wraps with the st.; knit all 3 together, w&t.

Row 4: purl across to wrapped st, pick up both wraps with the st.; purl all 3 together, w&t.

Continue in this fashion (Rows 3 & 4) until you have consumed all of the sts *except the wraps on each end* (only 2 wrapped sts left, one on each end). Knit across to the last st. (*remember, this is a double wrapped st.), pick up both wraps with the st.; knit all 3 together, **DO NOT turn**, rather *begin knitting in the round*, knit across instep needles (Needle 2 & 3). As you are continuing to knit in round (across the instep needles), and reach other needle, the 1st stitch on this needle will be the last double wrapped st. from the heel, pick up the wraps with the st. and knit all 3 together (this will have consumed all wrapped sts. - 32 sts) continue with the foot. ☺

****Picking up the doubled wrapped stitches on the end of the heel in this way will prevent a hole when beginning to knit in the round again ☺****

Foot of sock:

Continue to knit even until the sock is 8 inches in length or 2 inches shorter than desired total length of sock.

Toe Shaping

Round 1: *Needle 1:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k remaining sts

Needle 3: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 4: k1, ssk, k remaining sts

Round 2: knit all sts

Repeat these 2 rounds until 36 total sts remain.

Repeat round 1 until 20 total sts remain. Place 10 sts on 2 needles (1 needle on the top or instep side of the sock and 1 needle on the bottom or heel side of the sock) and graft toe together using **Kitchener st.**

Weave in ends, fold cuff of socks along "purl" fold, block socks - ENJOY!

Stitch Key

K - knit

P - purl

ssk - *slip, slip, knit:* slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip next stitch knitwise, knit these sts. together

k2tog - *knit 2 together:* knit 2 sts. together

yo - *yarn over:* Bring yarn forward and then up over the right needle

Cb4 - *cable back 4:* slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold the cable needle at the back of your work, knit the next 2 sts on the left needle; then knit the 2 sts from the cable needle.

Cf4 - *cable front 4:* slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold the cable needle at the front of your work, knit the next 2 sts on the left needle; then knit the 2 sts from the cable needle.

W&T (wrap and turn):

knit side - bring yarn forward between needles, slip st. from left hand needle to right hand needle; move yarn backward between needles, slip st. back to left hand needle & turn work.

purl side - move yarn backward between needles, slip st. from left hand needle to right hand needle, bring yarn forward between the needles, slip st. back to left hand needle & turn work.

