

WHIMSICAL KNITTING DESIGNS



*Design note: I was thinking of the fashions of the 1920's and the "Flapper Girls" and some of their fashionable dresses with fringe and became inspired to design the **Flapper Socks**.

Stats

Finished size: Women's size 8-9

Yarn: 100 grams of sock yarn

Needles: US size 1 (2.5mm) – 24 inch circular needle and 1 set of 5 dpns (or sockknitting method of choice). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 8 sts per inch

Notions: darning needle, stitch holder

The "flaps" or tabs are knit separately, knitting back and forth; they are then attached as you begin knitting in the round.

Directions for Flap (knit 13)

Cast 5 sts onto the circular needle

Row 1: k1, p1, k1, p1, k1 (seed stitch)

Row 2: k1, p1, k1, p1, k1

Continue these 2 rows (seed st.) for 3 inches; cut yarn leaving a 6 inch tail and slide flap down the cable of the circular needle.

On the same circular needle repeat this flap 11 more times, sliding each flap down the circ one after the other. You now have a total of 12 flaps.

Create one more flap exactly as the previous 12 but **DO NOT** cut the yarn; this is the yarn that you will use when you begin working in the round .

You now have a total of 65 sts.

****Design note**** I found it easier to block the flaps before going further as you can



see in this photo:

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After the flaps are blocked they will look like this on your circ:



****notice the flap all the way on the left by the ball of yarn is still attached to the ball of yarn****

You are now ready to carefully transfer the flaps from the circular needle to the 4 dpns and join in the round.

Carefully slip each stitch of each flap knitwise onto the dpn from the circ as seen



here:

until the dpn looks like this:



The dpns will be set up with 4 flaps on 3 dpns and 5 flaps on 1 dpn as seen in



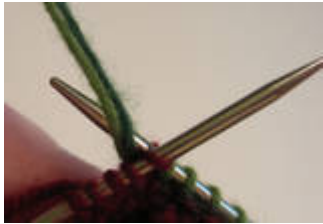
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****if you are using 2 circs the set up will look like this:**



(6 flaps on 1 circ; 7 flaps on the 2nd circ)**

Join in the round being very careful so that you don't twist the flaps. *When knitting the 1st round it's a very good idea to join the yarn that you have cut on each flap with the 1st round of knitting, this will help secure the flaps and prevent loose sts on the last row of the flaps. As you can see in*



this photo:

Round 1: knit *remember, knit in 2-3 sts with the tail of each flap as you knit this round to help secure the flaps.

Round 2: purl

Round 3: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – you now have 64 sts.

These 1st 3 rounds are the “folding” rounds,” they will allow you to fold the flaps over the ribbing.

Ribbing

Rounds 1- 30: *k2, p2; repeat from*

The flaps will fold over the ribbing when the sock is complete. This is what you



will have when ribbing is done I know, it looks a bit like a jellyfish now, but it will be a fun Flapper when you complete the sock!

Heel Flap:

Place 32 sts on a stitch holder or leave the sts on 2 dpns. Work remaining 32 sts as follows, knitting back and forth on 1 needle.

Row 1: *sl 1 (purlwise), k1 repeat from *.

Row 2: purl all sts

Repeat these 2 rows for 2.5 inches, ending with a RS row.

Shape Heel:

Row 1(WS): p17, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 2 (RS): sl 1 (purlwise), k3, ssk, k1, turn

Row 3: sl 1, p4, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 4: sl 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn

Row 5: sl1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue in this fashion, increasing by 1 the number of sts worked before the decrease in each row, until you have 18 sts, finishing with a right side row, ready to pick up gusset sts.

Instep:

With RS facing and needle 1, pick up and knit 16 sts along first side of heel flap; then pick up another 2 sts @ the end of the gusset (this is to prevent a hole). Needles 2 & 3: knit. With needle 4 pick up 2 extra sts @ the beginning of the gusset, then pick up and knit 16 sts along gusset, then knit across 9 sts along the heel flap (this is needle #4).

Sts on needles are as follows:

Needle #1: 27 sts

Needle #2: 16 sts

Needle #3: 16 sts

Needle #4: 27 sts

Before beginning gusset decreasing knit one round even, k tbl of the 18 picked up sts on needles #1 and #4, this will tighten these sts.

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Gusset Decreases:

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

Needles 2 & 3: knit

Needle 4: k1, ssk, knit remaining sts

Round 2: knit all sts

Continue rounds 1 and 2 until you have decreased to 16 sts on needles 1 & 4; you now have 64 total sts, 16 sts per dpn.

Foot

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 32 total sts remain.

Repeat round 1 until 16 total sts remain. Place 8 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.** and weave in the ends of the flaps and sock.

I recommend blocking the socks with the flaps folded down.

Fun Design Note

These Flapper Socks are actually my Christmas socks. As you can see, I used Christmas colors and then sewed bells on some of the flaps. I see red or pink for Valentines day with hearts sewn on flaps; green Flappers for St. Patrick's Day, etc, etc....the holiday flapper fun is only limited by your imagination!



Enjoy and God Bless!

Stitch Key:

K2tog: knit 2 together

Ssk: slip, slip, knit

P2tog: purl 2 together

K tbl: knit through back loop