

Show-off Stranded Socks



Yarn: Playful by Twisted Fiber Art or other heavy fingering / light sport weight yarn

Needles: US 1

Gauge: 32 sts and 43 rows to 4 inches/10 cm

Size: Women's Small-Medium – Sock diameter 8 inches (Large - Sock diameter 9 inches).

Directions are for small with directions for large in parentheses.

Note: This is not the standard sock architecture, nor is it one of Cat Bordhi's. It's certainly not mine - I encountered it first in The Tongue River Farm Sock Collection by Katherine Misegades (from 2002). I don't know whether she originated it or not. This sock has the gusset created as a triangle while the leg pattern continues down the back of the heel.

Pattern Stitch:

Multiple of 4 stitches.

Rounds 1 and 3: Knit

Round 2: YO, K2, pass YO over two knit stitches, K2.

Round 4: K2, YO, K2, pass YO over two knit stitches.

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Leg

Cast on 64 (72) stitches.

Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1 inch (or to desired length).

Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 6.5 inches or desired length to start of gusset (height where heel flap would normally begin), ending with a Knit row.



Gusset

Notes: 1. The directions that follow are for a gusset in double moss stitch. If you prefer, you may purl all gusset stitches for a reverse stockinette stitch gusset or knit them all. See pictures of all three gussets above. Directions for the [reverse stockinette, stockinette] gusset are in brackets following each mention of a gusset stitch. (The moss and reverse stockinette gussets are pictured at the beginning of the pattern, while the stockinette is shown above.)

2. If you are using two circular needles, you will have the back and gusset stitches on one needle and the front on the other needle throughout.

Round 1: Make 1 stitch and purl [purl, knit] it. Work next 32 (36) stitches in pattern. Make 1 stitch and purl [purl, knit] it. Work 32 (36) stitches in pattern as established for front of sock.

Round 2: P1 [P1, K1], K32 (36), P1 [P1, K1] for back of sock. Knit 32 (36) stitches for front of sock.

Round 3: K1 [P1, K1], make 1 stitch and purl [purl, knit] it. Work next 32 (36) stitches in pattern. Make 1 stitch and purl [purl, knit] it. Knit [purl, knit] next stitch. 32 (36) stitches in pattern as established for front of sock.

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Round 4: K1, P1, [P2, K2] K32 (36), P1, K1 [P2, K2] for back of sock. Knit 32 (36) stitches for front of sock.

Continue in this manner, increasing 1 stitch in purl [purl, knit] on each side of the center 32 (36) stitches on the back of the foot every other row, and working the previously increased stitches by knitting the purls and purling the knits [purling, knitting]. On the pattern rows which are knit, work the knit stitches as knit and the purls as purl. Continue this way until you have increased 12 stitches on each side of the heel stitches, for a total of 88 (96) stitches.

Heel (Revised for Large size 5/27/08)

This is where you turn the heel by working back and forth.

Row 1: Knit 33 (35) stitches. SSK. K1. Turn. 20 (22) stitches remain unworked.

Row 2: Slip 1, P 11, P2 tog, P1. Turn. 20 (22) stitches remain unworked here too.

Row 3: Slip 1, knit until 1 stitch remains before the gap (where you turned last row). SSK, combining 1 stitch before the gap with one after. K1. Turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, Purl to 1 stitch before the gap, P2 tog, P1, Turn.

Small/Medium only

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until there are 2 stitches after the gap on each side. You have just worked 32 (34) stitches.

Next row: Slip 1, Knit to 1 stitch before gap, SSK, turn. (Note – do not knit one stitch after the SSK)

Next row: Slip 1, Purl to 1 stitch before gap, P2 tog, turn.

Repeat these two rows once more.

Large only

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 one more time (36 stitches remain).

Foot

Resume knitting in the round, working instep stitches in pattern and sole stitches in stockinette. At the end of the heel stitches on first round, pick up one stitch (to avoid holes). Work instep stitches, return to sole needle and pick up one more stitch. Complete this round. On the next round, at beginning of the sole needle, work SSK. Work to within two stitches of end of needle, knit two together.

Work even until sock measures 7 (8) inches or 2 inches less than desired total length.

Note: If you are working the large size, you will have 36 stitches each for instep and sole. On the row before starting the toe decrease, move 2 stitches from each end of the instep needle to the sole needle, resulting in 32 instep stitches and 40 sole stitches.

Toe

Next round:

(K6, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 3 rows even.

(K5, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 3 rows even.

(K4, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 2 rows even.

(K3, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 2 rows even.

(K2, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 1 row even.

(K1, K2 tog) 8 times (9 times).

K 1 row even.

K2 tog 8 times (9 times).

Cut end and work through remaining 8 (9) stitches twice. Work in both ends.