

Taffy Socks



This pattern shows off self-stripping yarn beautifully. These socks were knitted from yarn from Twisted Fiber Arts. This yarn is available at :<http://twisted.etsy.com>.

Details:

Gauge: 30 sts = 4 inches, 42 rows = 4 inches over stockinette

Needles: two circular size 1 US needles or size required to get gauge.

Size: Ladies small/medium – leg and foot are 8 inches in diameter.

Pattern Stitch: Multiple of 17 stitches, worked in the round. (Note that stitch count varies throughout this pattern.)

Rows 1-3: Purl.

Row 4: *SSK, K13, K2 tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 5: *SSK, K11, K2 tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: *K3, [YO twice, K1] seven times, YO twice, K3; ; repeat from * to end.

Row 8: *P3, [P first YO, drop next YO, P1] seven times, P first YO, drop next YO, P3; ; repeat from * to end.

Row 9: *SSK, K17, K2 tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 10: *SSK, K15, K2 tog; repeat from * to end.

Repeat these 10 rows.

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This photo shows a detail of the pattern stitch.

Start leg.

Cast on 68 stitches and divide 34 and 34 on two circular needles. Join, using your favorite technique to smooth this out (I transfer the first cast on stitch to the other needle, then move the last cast on stitch over it to the first needle, then begin knitting on the second needle, but there are many other choices.)

Work entire pattern 7 times (or number of times that will give you almost the desired length of leg), then work rows 1-3 once more.

Begin heel.

On the last row of the pattern being worked, P2 tog on each end of one needle.

Heel is worked back and forth over 32 stitches (all the stitches remaining on the needle you decreased 2 stitches on), using Eye of Partridge stitch.

Row 1: *S1, K1; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: S1, purl to end.

Row 3: S1, K2, *S1, K1; repeat from *, ending K2.

Row 4: S1, purl to end.

Repeat these 4 rows a total of 6 times for heel flap.

Turn heel.

Row 1: K17, SSK, K1, turn. (12 stitches left unworked on this end)

Row 2: S1, P3, P2 tog, P1, turn. (12 stitches left unworked on this side too).

Row 3: S1, K until there is one stitch left before the gap. SSK (stitch before and after gap), K1, turn.

Row 4: S1, P until there is one stitch left before the gap. Purl this together with the stitch after the gap, P1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all heel stitches have been used up.

Knit across remaining heel stitches (18 Stitches).

Pick up 14 stitches along left side of heel using the same needle you have been working with. Pick up one stitch in each slipped stitch, plus two others at the end to avoid holes.

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Now go back to the 34 stitches that have been waiting all this time and continue the pattern. You are ready for row 4 of the pattern stitch.

When you get back to your second circular needle, you will need to pick up 14 stitches along the right side of the heel, then knit across the 32 stitches remaining on this needle. You now have 46 stitches on the needle.

Gusset and foot.

Continue working pattern across the instep stitches.

Work sole stitches as K1, SSK, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining on the needle, K2 tog, K1. Repeat this decrease row every other row 5 more times. You should have 34 stitches on your sole needle, for a total of 68 stitches again. Work even until the length of the foot (including heel, measured on sole) is 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, or desired length to start of toe.

Toe.

Starting with sole stitches, work the first decrease row. We are going to act as though we had a multiple of 8 stitches at this point, though we are actually four short, so this row requires some attention.

Dec row 1: K6, K2 tog, K13, K2 tog, K7.. Move the remaining 4 stitches from the sole needle to the instep needle. Continue with K6, K2 tog, K13 K2 tog, K6, K2tog, K7.

Knit 3 rows even.

Dec row 2: K5, K2 tog across.

Knit 3 rows even.

Dec row 3: K4, K2tog across.

Knit 2 rows even.

Dec row 4: K3, K2 tog across.

Knit 2 rows even.

Dec row 5: K2, K2tog across.

Knit 1 row even.

Dec row 6: K1, K2 tog across.

Knit 1 row even.

Dec row 7: K2 tog across.

Run thread through remaining 9 stitches twice and fasten securely.