

PARTY CAKE SOCKS

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After finishing a pair of socks, every sock knitter has leftover small amounts of beautiful yarns. Stack up these different flavors of yarn like layers in a party cake. Separate each layer with a spread of eyelet frosting and you've created another delicious pair of socks. Each layer will remind you of a pair of socks that you knit. These socks feature a Turkish (afterthought) heel.

Materials

325, (350, 400) yds. total of various sock or fingering yarns. Choose one yarn with plenty of yardage to be the Main Color (Frosting) yarn. Other yarns will be cake layers.

1 set US Size 1 (2.25mm) double point needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*

1 yard of smooth waste yarn

Sizes (3)

Girl's Large/Women's Small (Medium, Large)

Gauge

8.5 sts = 1" over stockinette st

Note

A deeper heel can be made for high arched feet by increasing the number of stitches set on waste yarn for the heel. To do so, evenly work 2 to 3 sts *less* of the cake sock yarn on each side of the heel sts and at the same time increase the number of waste yarn sts worked for the heel. You are not changing the number of sts in the rnd.

CUFF

With main color (icing) yarn, *loosely* cast on 56, (60, 72) sts. Join to knit in the rnd taking care not to twist the sts. Work 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2) until cuff measures 1 1/2".

Next, purl 2 rnds.

Work Eyelet rnd: *YO, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Purl 2 rnds.

LEG

With your first contrasting color cake layer, knit 12 rnds.

Work **Eyelet Frosting Leg:**

Rnd 1: knit

Rnds 2 & 3: purl

Rnd 4: *YO, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 5 & 6: purl



ABBREVIATIONS

k	Knit
k2tog	Knit 2 together
p	Purl
rnd	Round
RS	Right Side
SSK	Slip, Slip, Knit
st	Stitch
WS	Wrong Side
YO	Yarn Over

Layer 2 more sections of 12 rnds of stockinette st with different colors followed Eyelet Frosting. Begin working a 4th layer color but stop after 5 rnds.

HEEL placement

Next Rnd 6: Knit 42 (45, 54). You will have 14 (15, 18) sts remaining. Drop working yarn but do not break, join in waste yarn and knit these remaining sts.

Continuing with waste yarn, knit 14 (15, 18) sts. You will now have 28 (30, 36) sts worked in waste yarn over the center back of the leg for your future heel. Drop waste yarn and end tails together to secure.

Complete Rnd 6 by picking up sock yarn where left off and knit the remaining 14 (15, 18) sts. You will now begin to work on the foot.

FOOT

Complete this current 12-rnd cake layer. On the foot the Eyelet Frosting changes to eliminate bulk on the sole. Redistribute the sts on your needles to 14 (15, 18) on the first needle, 28 (30, 36) sts on the next needle, and 14 (15, 18) on the last needle. The first and last needles are your sole of the sock and the 2nd needle with the most sts is your instep. This will help you to work the Eyelet Frosting correctly on the foot as well as set you up to work the toe.

Continue working the foot with a layer of Eyelet Frosting and your next cake color as desired.

Eyelet Frosting Foot

Rnd 1: knit

Rnds 2 & 3: k 14 (15, 18), p 28 (30, 36), k 14 (15, 18)

Rnd 4: *YO, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnds 5 & 6: same as Rnds 2 & 3

Continue established patterning until foot measures 6 ½" (7", 8") or to about 1 ½" (1 ¾", 2") less than total desired length.

TOE

The wedge toe is worked in all stockinette stitch (no patterning).

Rnd 1: knit all around

Rnd 2: knit to the last 3 sts of the first needle, k2tog, k1. Next needle, k1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On last needle, knit 1, SSK, knit to end

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until you have 32 sts remaining. Then work Rnd 2 only until there are 24 sts remaining. Continuing with the last needle, knit across the 6 sts remaining on the first needle. This will give you 12 sts each on 2 parallel needles. Graft (Kitchener) toe closed.

HEEL Continued

Carefully remove waste yarn placing sts on needles as they are released from both sides onto 2 parallel needles. You will have 28 (30, 36) sts on the needle at the bottom of the leg. You will also have 29 (31, 37) sts on the needle on the foot side which includes 1 st at each edge where you have only ½ of a full st.

Divide the sts on the needle with 28 (30, 36) sts evenly onto 2 needles. You will now have 14 (15, 18) sts on each of these two needles and will now have 3 needles with sts distributed similar to the toe.

Set Up Rnd 1: Join in yarn cake colored yarn to match in between the two needles that have the smaller number of sts. This point will be the beginning and end of each rnd. Knit all sts on the first needle. Pick up and knit one st at the gap before the next needle. You will now have 15 (16, 19) sts on this needle.

Next needle: Pick up and knit one st, knit to the end of this needle, pick up and knit one more st. You will have 31 (33, 39) sts on this needle. Last needle: Pick up and knit one st at the gap between the needles, knit the remaining sts. You will now have 15 (16, 19) sts on this needle.

Set up Rnd 2: Knit all sts on first needle, next needle, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle, knit all sts on last needle.

Now you will work the heel alternating decrease rnds with plain rnds just like for the toe as follows:

Rnd 1 (decreases): knit to the last 3 sts of the first needle, k2tog, k1. Next needle, k1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On last needle, knit 1, SSK, knit to end

Rnd 2: knit all around

Repeat Rnd 1 once.

Break off cake color yarn and join in frosting color yarn. Beginning with Rnd 2 repeat the two rnds until you have a total of 24 sts remaining.

Repeat Rnd 1 once more. Continuing with the last needle, knit across the 5 sts on the first needle.

This will give you 10 sts each on 2 parallel needles. Graft (Kitchener) toe closed.

Weave in ends and block. Enjoy!