

YIPES! STRIPES! BABY SOCKS

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You're the boss! Use your choice of 4 different colors of yarn to create the stripes. The cuff is knit on 2 needles as a band, and is joined into a circle. Ankle stitches are picked up along one edge with the heel and foot knit in the round towards the toe.

Sizes

0 to 6 months (6-12 months)

Materials

Fingering/sock weight yarn. Photo sample knit with Knit Picks Palette yarns, 100% wool, colors:

Cream (Main Color)

Mint – light green (Color A)

Grass - bright green (Color B)

Green – Kelly green (Color C)

1 set US Size 1 (2.25mm) double point needles for size 0 to 6 months, US Size 2 (2.75mm) double point needles for 6 to 12 months, *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Gauge

8-9 sts (7-8 sts) = 1"

CUFF

Note: On the cuff, slipped stitches are to be slipped *purlwise* with yarn in *front*, then take yarn to the back to continue knitting.

With Main Color, cast on 15 sts using the long tail cast on method.

Row 1: With Main Color, Slip 1, knit 14

Row 2: Slip 1, knit 14

Row 3: Add in Color A but do not break Main Color. Slip 1, knit 14

Row 4: Slip 1, knit 14. Cut Color A leaving a 6" tail

Row 5: Pick up Main Color, slip 1, knit 14

Row 6: Slip 1, knit 14

Row 7: Add in Color B but do not break Main Color. Slip 1, knit 14

Row 8: Slip 1, knit 14. Cut Color B leaving a 6" tail

Row 9: Pick up Main Color, slip 1, knit 14

Row 10: Slip 1, knit 14

Row 11: Add in Color C but do not break Main Color. Slip 1, knit 14

Row 12: Slip 1, knit 14. Cut Color C leaving a 6" tail

Repeat these 12 rows of the cuff pattern five more times for a total of 72 rows which will give you 36 garter stitch ridges. Bind off loosely.

Bring cast-on edge to meet bound-off edge and sew together.



ANKLE

With Main Color, pick up and knit 36 stitches (one for each garter stitch ridge) around the edge that has the yarn tails from the color changes and divide evenly onto 3 double point needles (12 sts each). Join to work in the round taking care not to twist stitches. This is the center back of the sock.

Purl two (2) rounds.

HEEL FLAP

Note: On the heel, slipped stitches are to be slipped *purlwise* with yarn in *back* on odd-numbered rows where the next stitch is knit, and *purlwise* with yarn *front* on even-numbered rows where the next stitch is purled.

Heel flap is worked back and forth on 2 needles. To center the heel flap, knit 9 stitches. Turn work. Slip 1, purl 8 then continue with the same needle and purl 9 from the next needle = 18 heel flap sts. Arrange the remaining 18 sts evenly on the 2 remaining needles.

Row 1: (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 17

Row 3: Add in Color A, but do not break Main Color. (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 4: Slip 1, purl 17. Cut Color A leaving a 6" tail

Row 5: Pick up Main Color. (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 6: Slip 1, purl 17

Row 7: Add in Color B, but do not break Main Color. (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 8: Slip 1, purl 17. Cut Color B leaving a 6" tail

Row 9: Pick up Main Color. (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 10: Slip 1, purl 17

Row 11: Add in Color C, but do not break Main Color. (Slip 1, k1) 9 times

Row 12: Slip 1, purl 17. Cut Color C leaving a 6" tail

With Main Color, **repeat Rows 1 & 2** three (3) more times

HEEL CUP

Continuing with Main Color,

Row 1: Knit 9, SSK, knit 1, turn

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 1, p2tog, purl 1, turn

Row 3: Slip 1, knit 2, SSK, knit 1, turn

Row 4: Slip 1, purl 3, p2tog, purl 1, turn

Row 5: Slip 1, knit 4, SSK, knit 1, turn

Row 6: Slip 1, purl 5, p2tog, purl 1, turn

Row 7: Slip 1, knit 6, SSK, knit 1, turn

Row 8: Slip 1, purl 7, p2tog, purl 1, turn

GUSSET

Knit across the remaining 10 sts of heel cup. Pick up and knit 9 sts along the edge of the heel flap.

With free needle, knit across all 18 stitches of the instep to one needle. With free needle, pick up and knit 9 sts along other edge of heel flap, continuing on this same needle knit 5 sts from heel cup = 46 sts (distributed 14 – 18 – 14). You are now on the bottom of the foot where all future rounds will begin and end.

Round 1: Knit all 46 sts

Round 2: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: knit 18 sts. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 44 sts.

Round 3: Add in Color A, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round.

Round 4: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: knit 18 sts. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 42sts. Cut Color A leaving a 6" tail

Round 5: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

Round 6: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: knit 18 sts. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 40 sts.

Round 7: Add in Color B, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round.

Row 8: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: knit 18 sts. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 38 sts. Cut Color B leaving a 6" tail

Round 9: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

Row 10: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: knit 18 sts. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 36 sts.

FOOT

Row 1: Add in Color C, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round.

Row 2: Knit entire round. Cut Color C leaving a 6" tail

Rounds 3 thru 8: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

Round 9: Add in Color A, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round. Cut Color A leaving a 6" tail.

Round 10: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

Round 11: Add in Color B, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round. Cut Color B leaving a 6" tail.

Round 12: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

Round 13: Add in Color C, but do not break Main Color. Knit entire round. Cut Color C leaving a 6" tail.

Round 14: Pick up Main Color. Knit entire round.

TOE

Continue with Main Color only.

Round 1: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to the last 3 sts k2tog, knit 1. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 32 sts.

Round 2: Knit entire round.

Round 3: Knit entire round.

Round 4: Knit to the last 3 sts on first needle, K2tog, knit 1. Next needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to the last 3 sts K2tog, knit 1. Last needle: Knit 1, SSK, knit to end of needle = 28 sts.

Repeat Rounds 3 & 4 until you have 12 sts remaining (arranged 3 – 6 – 3).

Next : Knit the 3 stitches from the first needle.

Graft (Kitchener stitch) the toe closed. Weave in all yarn tails.

Enjoy!

Pattern test knitted by Cynthia Peek