



Rib toe-up socks

A sock for every day and any mood. First published in *Let's Knit* magazine in a single colour. A basic toe-up sock pattern, which can be dressed up or down.

Finished Size

To fit a woman's shoes size:
 UK 5½ – 6.
 Foot circumference: 7½in (19cm)
 From heel to top of sock: 15in
 (30cm)

Skill level

Experienced

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You will need:

Materials

Based on the Craft Yarn Council of America's Standard Yarn Weight System:

- Category #3 Light yarn such as: **Cygnat, Wool Rich 4 ply**, 75% wool; 25% Wool, 224yds [205m]/ 1¾oz [50g]; #411 Green (A), two.
- Oddments of 4ply yarn in: Dark Pink (B); Yellow (C).

Equipment

- Two US1 (2.5mm) 16in or 24in (40cm or 60cm) circular needles.
- A set of US1 (2.5mm) double-pointed needles.
- Cable needle
- Tapestry needle
- Three stitch markers:
 - one to mark the start of the round.
 - two to mark the outer stitches of the radiating rib.
- Three split-ring stitch markers:
 - two to mark the centre of the radiating rib on the leg.
 - two to mark the centre of the double decrease on the leg.



Gauge (tension)

36 stitches and 48 rounds to 4in (10cm) measured over stockinette (stocking) stitch, using US1 (2.5mm) needles. Adjust the needle size as required to achieve the gauge stated. The fabric should be firm.

Abbreviations

A yarn A
alt alternate
B yarn B
cm centimetres
C4B cable 4 stitches back, slip the next 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold them at the back of the work, knit the next 2 stitches on the left-hand needle, knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle.
C4F cable 4 stitches front, slip the next 2 stitches onto a cable needle and hold them at the front of the work, knit the next 2 stitches on the left-hand needle, knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle.
k knit
k2tbl knit one stitch through the back of the loop, twice.
k2tog knit two stitches together
in inches
inc knit into the front and back of the next stitch.
M1LK make one knit stitch slanting left: pick up the horizontal loop before the next stitch with the left-hand needle from front to back, and knit into the back of the loop.
M1RK make one knit stitch slanting right: pick up the horizontal loop before the next stitch with the left-hand needle from back to front, and knit into the front of the loop.

M2K make two new knit stitches: to make the first knit stitch, pick up the horizontal loop before the next stitch with the left-hand needle from front to back and knit into the back of the loop; to make a second knit stitch, pick up the purl bump of the stitch below the next stitch from front to back with the right-hand needle, twist the needle counter-clockwise and slip it onto the left-hand needle. Knit into the back of the loop.

M2P make two new purl stitches: to make the first purl stitch, pick up the horizontal loop before the next stitch with the left-hand needle from front to back, and purl into the back of the loop; to make a second purl stitch, pick up the right leg of the knit stitch below the next stitch from back to front with the right-hand needle, slip it onto the left-hand needle, and purl into the back of the loop.

mm millimetres
oen on each needle
p purl
p2sso pass the two slipped stitches over the first stitch on the right-hand needle.

patt pattern
rem remains
RS right-side
sl2tog slip two stitches together: insert the right-hand needle into the second and then first stitch on the left-hand needle and slip off the left-hand needle onto the right-hand needle.

ssk slip, slip, knit
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong-side

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Toe

Using yarn A and the figure-eight cast on method, cast on 10 sts onto each circular needle. The first needle, Needle one holds the instep sts. Place a round marker at the start of the round on Needle one. (10sts on each needle (oen))

Join to work in the round.

ROUND 1: knit.

ROUND 2: needle one, k1, M1LK, k until 1 st rem on needle, M1RK, k1; needle two, repeat needle one. (12 sts oen)

ROUND 3: knit.

ROUNDS 4–25: repeat Rounds 2–3 until there are 34 sts oen.

The number of stitches may be adjusted to suit the Foot circumference required. Continue to increase the number of stitches in the pattern set to the required number of stitches. Then, to work the Foot, mark the centre of needle one, and work the stitches indicated in red so they are centred over the marker.

Foot

ROUND 26: needle one, k15, p4, k15; needle two, knit.

ROUNDS 27–28: knit.

ROUND 29: needle one, k13, C4B, C4F, k13; needle two, knit.

ROUNDS 30–31: knit.

ROUND 32: needle one, k13, C4F, C4B, k13; needle two, knit.

ROUND 33: knit.

ROUND 34: needle one, k14, p1, k4, p1, k14; needle two, knit.

ROUND 35: repeat Round 34.

The stitches indicate in red are not only in the centre of needle one but indicate the centre of the radiating rib pattern.

ROUND 36: needle one, k13, p1, k2tog, k1, place marker, M2P, place marker, k1, ssk, p1, k13; needle two, knit.

ROUND 37: needle one, k13, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k13; needle two, knit.

ROUND 38: needle one, k12, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, M2K, p1, k1, ssk, p1, k12; needle two, knit.

ROUND 39: needle one, k12, p1, k2, p1, k2tbl, p1, k2, p1, k12; needle two, knit.

ROUND 40: needle one, k11, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, k1tbl, M2P, k1tbl, p1, k1, ssk, p1, k11; needle two, knit.

ROUND 41: needle one, k11, p1, k2, p1, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p1, k2, p1, k11; needle two, knit.

ROUND 42: needle one, k10, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, k1tbl, p1, M2K, p1, k1tbl, p1, k1, ssk, p1, k10; needle two, knit.

ROUND 43: needle one, k10, p1, k2, p1, k1tbl, p1, k2tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, k2, p1, k11; needle two, knit.

Place a split-ring marker through the fabric between the 17th and 18th sts on needle one.
Alternate M2P and M2K on alternate rounds between the two centre stitches above the split-ring marker.
Work all the single knit sts in the radiating rib pattern through the back of the loop.

ROUNDS 44–63: continue working in the patt set for a further 20 rounds, until the first st on needle one is a p st.

ROUND 64: needle one, p1, ssk, work 14 sts in the patt set, M2P, work 14 sts in the patt set, k2tog, p1; needle two, knit.

ROUND 65: needle one, p1, k1, work 30 sts in the patt set, k1, p1; needle two, knit.

ROUND 66: needle one, p1, ssk, work 14 sts in the patt set, M2K, work 14 sts in the patt set, k2tog, p1; needle two, knit.

ROUND 67 AND EVERY ALT ROUND: work patt set on the previous round.

Repeat Rounds 64–67 until the foot measures, from the Toe, approximately 1¼in (3cm) less than the required foot length, ending on Round 65 of the repeat.

Heel

NEXT ROUND: needle one, p1, ssk, work 14 sts in the patt set, M2K, work 14 sts in the patt set, k2tog, p1; the Heel is now worked back and forth on needle two only, needle two, k33, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

NEXT ROW: p32, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

NEXT ROW: k until 1 st rem before the wrapped st, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

NEXT ROW: p until 1 st rem before the wrapped st, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

Repeat the last 2 rows until there are nine wrapped sts at each end of the needle, ending with a purl row.



NEXT ROW: knit to the next wrapped st, lift wrap-loop, knit it together with the st around which it is wrapped, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

NEXT ROW: purl to the next wrapped st, lift wrap-loop, purl it together with the st around which it is wrapped, work a short-row wrap around the next st and turn.

Repeat the last 2 rows 7 more times, lifting both wrap loops around each st and working them together with the st around which they are wrapped. There should be two wrap loops around both the first and last sts on needle two.

NEXT ROW: k13, p1, k4, p1, k13, lift 2 wrap loops around the next stitch, knit with st around which they are wrapped, M1RK between needles two and one.

Work is continued in rounds.

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work in patt set; needle two, M1LK between needles one and two, lift 2 wrap loops around the next stitch, knit with st around which they are wrapped, k13, p1, k4, p1, k15.
(*needle one, 34 sts; needle two, 36 sts*)

Leg

ROUND 1: needle one, work patt set; needle two, k14, p1, k2tog, k1 M2P, k1, ssk, p1, k14.

ROUND 2: work in patt set by previous round.

ROUND 3: needle one, work patt set; needle two, M1R, k13, p1, k2tog, k1, p1, M2K, p1, k1, ssk, p1, k13, M1L.
(*needle one, 34 sts; needle two, 38 sts*)

ROUND 4 AND EVERY ALT ROUND: work patt set and as set for the instep.

Place a split-ring marker through the fabric between the 19th and 20th sts on needle two.

Again, alternate M2P and M2K on alternate rounds between the two centre stitches above the split-ring marker.

The last 4 rounds set the Leg increase pattern. It is similar to that of the instep, but in addition, increase 1 st at either end of needle two on each round with a M2K increase until the sock fits comfortably around the calf. Continue until the number of sts on needle two are divisible by 4, ending with round 2 of the Leg increase pattern

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work patt set; needle two, k2tog, work in patt set until the split-ring marker, M2K, work in patt set until last 2 sts, ssk.

NEXT ROUND: work in patt set.

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work patt set; needle two, ssk, work in patt set until the split-ring marker, M2P, work in patt set until last 2 sts, k2tog.

NEXT ROUND: work in patt set.

Mark the purl sts on needle one with split-ring markers into the knitted fabric. These stitches become the centre of sl2tog, k1, p2sso double decreases.

Move the stitch marker marking the start of the round to the left of the first purl stitch and split-ring marker. Make sure you can distinguish this marker.

In order to work the double decreases the start of the round must be moved from the start of the needle.

Rearrange the stitches on the needles so that the start of the round is about 10 stitches from the end of needle two and the stitches are evenly distributed. Periodically, the stitches will have to be rearranged on the needles to accommodate the M2P and M2K double increases and sl2tog, k1 p2sso double decreases. The following rounds are described from the start of the round and the round marker.

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work patt set until the next marker (for the centre of the radiating rib), M2K, work in patt set until 2 sts before the next marker, sl2tog, k1, p2sso, work in patt set until next marker (for the centre of the radiating rib), M2K, work in patt set until 2 sts before the next marker, remove the round marker, sl2tog, k1, p2sso, replace the round marker.

The start of the round has moved 1 st clockwise.

NEXT ROUND: work in patt set.

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work patt set until the next marker (for the centre of the radiating rib), M2P, work in patt set until 2 sts before the next marker, sl2tog, k1, p2sso, work in patt set until next marker (for the centre of the radiating rib), M2P, work in patt set until 2 sts before the next marker, remove the round marker, sl2tog, k1, p2sso, replace the round marker.

The start of the round has moved 1 st clockwise.

NEXT ROUND: work in patt set.

Repeat the last 4 rounds until the Leg measures 27.5cm from the base of the heel, ending with a round with two M2K increases.

NEXT ROUND: work in patt set.

NEXT ROUND: needle one, work patt set until the next marker **M1P**, work in patt set until next marker, remove marker, work in patt set until next marker, **M1P**, work in patt set until next marker, remove marker, work in patt set to end of round.

Remove all markers except the round start marker and, if you wish, rearrange the sts so that the start of the round is at the start of a needle.

NEXT ROUND: [p1, k1tbl] to end of round.

Cuff

Fasten off yarn A and join in yarn B.

NEXT ROUND: knit.

NEXT ROUND: [k1tbl, p1] to end of round.

Repeat the last round twice more

Fasten off yarn B and join in yarn C.

NEXT ROUND: knit.

NEXT ROUND: [k1tbl, p1] to end of round.

Repeat the last round a further 11 times.

Work a k1, p1, sewn cast off.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends and block using the ball band as a guide.

Flower

Using C, cast on 6 sts and arrange the stitches over 3 double-pointed needles, making sure the stitches are not twisted, join to work in the round.

ROUND 1: knit.

ROUND 2: [inc] 6 times. (12 sts)

ROUNDS 3–4: knit.

Fasten off yarn C and join in yarn B.

ROUND 5: knit.

ROUND 6: [inc] 12 times. (24 sts)

ROUND 7: knit.

ROUND 8: [inc] 24 times. (48 sts)

ROUND 9: knit.

ROUND 10: [inc] 48 times. (96 sts)

Cast off as follows: cable cast on 1 st, k2tog, * cable cast on 1 st, k2tog, pass the first st on the right-hand needle over the second; rep from * to the end of the round.

Fasten off.

Weave in the loose ends and attach the flower firmly to the sock using the photograph as reference.

Variation

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