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A Study in Straps: Sock #1



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SMALL STRIPES MAKE A BIG IMPACT.

You will need:

Approximately 400m /100g total of sock/fingering weight yarn. You're welcome to add up your scraps to get that weight. I used about 80g to knit the socks in the picture (size 7.5 ladies). Bigger feet will obviously need more yarn.

You will need at least two colours.

Yarn used in photos is Indigodragonfly Merino Sock (yellow) and Koigu KPPPM (purple), but use what you have.

Set of 5 - 2.25mm double pointed needles (US size 1)

Darning needle

One stitch marker (Button Cuff only)

2 buttons (Button Cuff only)

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch

Size: As written this pattern will fit about Ladies shoe size 7-8.5 or Mens 8-9
Pattern can be made bigger by adding stitches in multiples of 4.

Abbreviations:

k – knit

p – purl

p2tog – decrease one stitch by purling the next two stitches together.

RS - right side - the side of your fabric that shows to the world.

sl – slip the next stitch purl wise.

ssk – decrease one stitch by slipping one stitch as if to knit, slipping the next stitch as if to purl, and then moving both stitches back to the left hand needle. Knit through the back loops of both stitches.

st(s) – stitch(es)

WS - wrong side - the side of the fabric you don't generally see; the inside.

A note on colours:

This pattern is written to reflect the socks shown, which were knit using 2 colours. Throughout the pattern I will indicate which colour was used and when I changed colours. If you have more than two colours to use up go right ahead, it will work! You may want to make note of when you change to which colour if you want matching socks.

Button Cuff (knit flat):

Note: This is a faker button flap - there's no button hole in it, it's just to look pretty. You can add one if you're so inclined.

Right Foot: Using Colour A (purple) cast on 71 sts. (A multiple of 4 sts, plus 7 for the button flap if you wish to resize.)

Row 1: k7, pm, *k2,p2* repeat from * across.

Row 2: *k2,p2* repeat from * to marker. Slip marker, k7.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until cuff is 2.5 cm/1" tall.

Next Row: cast off 7 sts. Arrange remaining sts evenly over 4 dpn and join to knit in the round.

Left Foot: Using Colour B (yellow) cast on 71 sts. (A multiple of 4 sts, plus 7 for the button flap if you wish to resize.)

Row 1: *k2,p2* repeat from * to last 7 sts. Place marker, k7.

Row 2: k7, slip marker *k2,p2* repeat from * across.

Row 3: *k2,p2* repeat from * to last 7 sts. Slip marker, k7.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until cuff is 2.5 cm/1" tall.

Next Row: cast off 7 sts. Arrange remaining sts evenly over 4 dpn and join to knit in the round.

Regular Cuff (no button)

Both feet:

Using **Colour A** for one sock, and **Colour B** for the second sock, cast on a multiple of 4 sts. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1: *k2,p2*, repeat from * around

Repeat Rnd 1 until cuff is 2.5 cm/1" tall.

Leg (both feet):

Join your second colour. **Alternate colours** every round.

Rnds 1 and 2: knit

Rest of leg length: *p2,k2* repeat from * around.

Knit until desired length is reached, ending with the colour you did NOT use for your cuff. Begin heel flap.

Heel Flap (knit flat):

NOTE: You will only need to worry about Right and Left feet for the heel flaps if you made button cuffs. For regular cuffs just use the instructions for the right foot. Or left, either will work.

Right Foot:

Purl ONE more st into the next round using the same colour you have just knit with.

Turn. **Switch colours.**

Row 1(WS): Sl 1, *p2, k2*, repeat from* over next 28 sts, p2, k1, turn (32 sts)

Row 2 (RS): sl 1, *k2,p2* repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3

Switch colours.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 15 more times, **alternating colours** every 2 rows, until you have 16 slip sts down the side of your heel flap. End on a WS row.

Left Foot:

Purl ONE more st into the next round using the same colour you have just knit with.

Switch colours. Do NOT turn.

Row 1(RS): Sl 1, *k2, p2*, repeat from* over next 28 sts, p2, k1, turn (32 sts)

Row 2(WS): sl 1, *p2,k2* repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3

Switch colours.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 15 more times, **alternating colours** every 2 rows, until you have 16 slip sts down the side of your heel flap. End on a WS row.

Heel Turn:

You only use one colour for the heel turn. I used the colour that was **not** used for the cuff, but if you have a lot more of colour than another you may want to use that. Cut the colour you are NOT using, leaving a tail for weaving in.

Row 1: sl 1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 2: sl 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn

You should now notice a gap between the sts on your needle where you turned. Knit (or purl) until 1 st before that gap. Make your decrease using the next st and the one after the gap. Knit (or purl) one more st, then turn.

Continue in this manner until you have no more sts left to decrease. On your last 2 rows you will do the decrease and then turn as all your stitches will be used up.

You should have 18 sts left.

Gusset:

Slip 1/2 of your remaining heel sts to a new needle. Using that same needle, and the same colour as your heel turn, 16 stitches down the side of your heel flap in the chain stitches. Important colour decision! Look at what colour your sts are on Needles 2 and 3. You want to maintain the 1 round stripe pattern, so use the correct colour! From now on, for the rest of the foot you will be changing colours at this point. Knit across Needles 2 and 3, maintaining ribbing which should start and end with a p1. Pick up and knit 16 sts up the other side of the heel flap. Knit the remaining 9 heel sts. This is now the beginning of your round.

Begin gusset decreases:

Rnd 1: Needle 1: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Change colours.

Needle 2: knit, maintaining ribbing.

Needle 3: knit maintaining ribbing

Needle 4: k1, ssk, knit to end

Rnd 2: Needle 1: knit

Change colours.

Needle 2: knit, maintaining ribbing.

Needle 3: knit maintaining ribbing

Needle 4: knit

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 16 sts left on Needles 1 and 4.

Continue working chart to end. Then, work in stockinette until foot measures **5 cm/2"** less than total desired length, measured from the heel.

Toe:

You can maintain your striping up the toe if you want, or you can pick a colour and do a solid toe. I made my toes match my cuffs.

Rnd 1: Needle 1: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to end

Needle 3: as Needle 1

Needle 4: as Needle 2

Rnd 2: Knit all sts.

Continue alternating rounds 1 and 2 until there are 8 sts left on each needle (32 total).

Then continue with decrease rounds only, omitting plain rounds until there are 4 stitches on each needle (16 total). Divide sts evenly over 2 needles so you have 8 st each for top of foot and sole. Cut yarn, leaving a 30cm/8" tail for grafting. Graft toes shut.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends. Tack down corners of button flap on cuff so it sits neatly. Pick out 2 of your best buttons and sew them over the flap. Give your socks a little steam block.

Feel clever for using up your leftovers.

Questions or comments? Just drop me a line!

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