

Easy Toddler Socks

Yarn: Opal Tiger Sock Yarn or any sock weight yarn (I used the yarn that was left over from a pair of women's size socks with Opal solid black for the cuff and toe)

Needles: Set of 4 DP size 1 US

Gauge: 8 stitches = 1"

These socks fit a small child (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, size 9 shoe)



Cast on 50 stitches with solid yarn and divide among 3 needles.
Join in round being careful not to twist your stitches.

Ribbing and Leg:

Work in K3, P2 rib for 3/4" or as long as you prefer.

Switch to self patterning yarn and continue ribbing until leg is 3".

Knit one round and dec 2 sts, evenly spaced. (48 sts)

Knit across 24 sts. These are now your heel stitches. Leave the remaining 24 sts on a needle or place them on waste yarn.

Heel:

Row 1: Sl 1, K across row

Row 2: Sl 1, P across row

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 24 rows or your desired length. End with a purl row.

Turn Heel:

Row 1: Sl 1, K13 sts, K2 tog, K1, turn

Row 2: Sl 1, P5 sts, P2 tog, P1, turn

Row 3: Sl 1, K6, K2 tog, K1, turn

Row 4: Sl 1, P7, P2 tog, P1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4, increasing 1 additional K or P stitch after the Sl 1 until all side stitches are gone. End with a purl row.

Gusset:

Knit to the center of the heel. Starting with a new needle (needle 1), knit across the remaining heel stitches. Pick up and knit 12 stitches from the side of the heel flap and 1 stitch in the gusset corner. Knit across the instep stitches (needle 2). With needle 3, pick up and knit 1 stitch in the gusset corner and then pick up and knit 12 stitches from the side of the heel flap. Knit the remaining heel stitches.

Knit 1 round, when you come to the 2 gusset corner stitches, knit the stitch through the back loop to help close up any gap in the corner.

Gusset Decrease:

Round 1: Needle 1, Knit to the last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1.
Needle 2, Knit across.
Needle 3, K1, SSK, knit across.

Round 2: Knit around all stitches.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you are back to 48 stitches. (12/24/12)

Foot:

Continue to knit in stockinette until the foot measures approximately 5" or 1 ½" less than the foot length.

Toe:

Switch to solid color yarn if desired and knit one round.

Round 1: Needle 1: Knit to the last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1.
 Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit to the last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1.
 Needle 3: K1, SSK, Knit to end of needle.

Round 2: Knit around all stitches.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have approximately 16 stitches remaining.
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