

Pattern info

You will need...

DT Craft & Design, alpaca/nylon 4ply sock yarn Autumn Berries 1 x 100g skein

A set of five 2½mm DPNs

For where to buy, see below

Tension

Yarn used knits as 4ply to this tension: 29 sts and 41 rows to measure 4x4in (10x10cm) over stocking stitch using 2½mm needles.

Sizing colour key

So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off.

- Shoe size 2-4
- Shoe size 5-7
- Shoe size 8-10

Abbreviations

K knit	P purl
k2tog knit two stitches together	p2tog purl two stitches together
k2tog tbl knit two stitches together through back of loop	rep repeat
m1 make one – increase one stitch using the method in the pattern note	sl slip one stitch
	ssk slip, slip, knit
	st(s) stitch(es)
	yo yarn over

Where to buy:

DT Craft & Design

The stunning sock yarn used in this pattern is hand-dyed by designer Debbie Tomkies. A blend of hard-wearing nylon and luxurious alpaca makes a deliciously soft yarn which is a treat to knit with and wear. Visit www.dtcrafts.co.uk to find out more and to order.

What else?

You can use other 4ply sock yarns to knit this pattern, but check your tension first!

Simply Knitting

Feet First by Debbie Tomkies

Welcome to our first *Simply Knitalong!*

When Debbie's gorgeous pink socks arrived here at *Simply Knitting* HQ we discovered a sudden surge of interest in sock knitting amongst our friends and colleagues. So many people were picking up their needles that we thought we'd better get organized and let you all in on the fun too.

Visit our blog, www.simplyknitting.co.uk for photos of our slowly growing socks and see what our beginners and experts have to say on the subject.

We'd love to add your stories and ideas to the blog, so please do email us at simplyknitting@futurenet.co.uk with your great tips and sock pics!

Start knitting here...

NOTE: m1 – make one new stitch. Knit to where the increase is to be made. Place LH needle from front to back into the front leg of the stitch below the stitch you have just knitted. Lift this thread onto LH needle. Knit into the back of the new loop to make a new stitch without leaving a hole.

SOCKS

Cast on using provisional cast on as follows: Using 3mm crochet hook and a piece of contrasting, smooth yarn, make 20 chain. Insert 2½mm DPN into 5th bump on reverse of chain and make a knit stitch. Knit into each bump until 8 (10:12) sts made in total.

Working on 2 DPNs, turn and P next row.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Return to crocheted cast on edge. Unravel crochet chain carefully and place knit stitches onto a DPN. [8 (10:12) sts on each of 2 DPNs]. Divide stitches between 4 DPNs and begin working in rounds as follows:

ROUND 1

Needle 1 K1, m1, K to end.

Needle 2 K to last 2 sts, K1, m1, K1.



We've just started!

Needle 3 K1, m1, K to end.

Needle 4 K to last 2 sts, K1, m1, K1.

ROUND 2

Knit all sts.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 52 (60:68) sts. [13 (15:17) sts on each DPN].

End with round 2.

WORK FOOT

ROUND 1

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needles 3 & 4 Knit.

ROUND 2

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, k2tog tbl, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needles 3 & 4 Knit.

ROUND 3

As round 1.

ROUND 4

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2tog tbl, K1, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needles 3 & 4 Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 to 4 until work measures 6 (6½: 7½) in 15 (16.5: 19.5) cm from toe, ending round 1 (above). (Your work should reach just to the front of the ankle. For longer/shorter feet, adjust foot length here to suit).

INCREASE FOR ANKLE GUSSET

ROUND 1

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, k2tog tbl, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needle 3 K1, m1, K to end.

Needle 4 K to last 2 sts, K1, m1, K1.

ROUND 2

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needles 3 & 4 Knit.

ROUND 3

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2tog tbl, K1, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needle 3 K1, m1, K to end.

Needle 4 K to last 2 sts, K1, m1, K1.

ROUND 4

As round 2

Repeat rounds 1 to 4 until 64 (72:80) sts in total.

[**Needles 1 & 2** have 13 (15:17) sts each, **Needles 3 & 4** have 19 (21:23) sts each].

NEXT ROUND

Needles 1 & 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

Needle 3 Knit.

Place marker (this point will be the centre of the heel). K first 5 (6:7) sts on Needle 4 onto Needle 3, turn.

Place sts on **Needles 1 & 2** onto a piece of contrasting, smooth yarn.

Working now in rows, using new DPN, sl 1, P9 (11:13), turn.

[You should now have 2 DPNs, each with 14 (15:16) sts. These sts are held in waiting until later. You will also have a central, working DPN with 10 (12:14) sts which is used to form the heel flap].

Working in rows on the central 10 (12:14) sts and two DPNs, make heel flap.

Row 1 sl 1, K9 (11:13), turn.

Row 2 sl 1, P9 (11:13), turn.

Repeat these 2 rows 7 (8:9) more times.

Next row sl 1, K9 (11:13), then pick up and K9 (10:11) sts down LH edge of heel flap, knitting the last 2 sts tog, turn.

Next row sl 1, P13 (15:17) sts to centre marker.

Using a new DPN, P across remaining 5 (6:7) sts then pick up P9 (10:11) sts down RH edge of heel flap, purling the last 2 sts tog, turn. [13 (15:17) sts on each DPN].

JOIN HEEL TO REST OF SOCK

Next row sl 1, K to last st, ssk (This uses up last st on this DPN and first of sts we left earlier waiting to be worked).



Debbie's gorgeous socks are a great first time toe-up pattern. The lace is pretty and easy too!

Next row sl 1, P to last st, p2tog using last st on this DPN and first 'waiting' st.

Repeat these two rows until all the waiting sts have been used up. [13 (15:17) sts on each DPN].

LEG AND CUFF

Place instep sts back onto 2 new DPNs, name these Needle 1 & 2. [13 (15:17) sts on each].

Return to working in round as follows:

Needle 3 & 4 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

This returns you to start of round, which will be at the side of the foot (not the centre heel).

Continue working for the leg, without shaping, as follows:

ALL NEEDLES

Round 1 K1, P2 (3:4), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, k2tog tbl, P2 (3:4), K1.

Round 2 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

Round 3 K1, P2 (3:4), k1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, k2tog tbl, K1, P2 (3:4), K1.

Round 4 K1, P2 (3:4), K7, P2 (3:4), K1.

Repeat these 4 rounds 6 (7:8) times (or until leg is desired length).

Now work 6 rounds rib as follows:

All rounds *K2, P2 rep from * to end of round.

Knit 2 rounds.

Cast off, not too tightly.

Weave in loose ends. 🧶



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