



Mybootee Babee Sox

Gauge: 7 sts = 1 inch, 10 rows = 1 inch

Finished measurements: Infant Size 3-4

Foot: 4 ¼ inches long, 6 inch circumference

Cuff: 4 ¼ inches long, 6 inch circumference

DP needles Size #2

1 Circular Needle Size #2

188 yards sock yarn

This sock is constructed from the toe up. The pattern is worked by making the bottom part of the toe followed by the top part, then the foot, heel (which is worked the same way the toe is), and cuff. For those of us who find Grafting or the Kitchener stitch difficult, it is a lifesaver. This pattern may take a bit of getting used to but once you get the hang of it, you can knit a pair of Babee Sox in approximately 3-4 hours. Just remember when working this pattern to take it one step at a time, one stitch at a time, and you'll get the hang of it.

Stitch directions:

Purl enc (purl encroachment) = sl 1, pick up 1 st below next st, purl together.

Knit enc (knit encroachment) = sl 1, pick up 1 st below next st, knit together.

Turkish Cast on: Tie a slipknot in the yarn & hold the circular needle parallel to the DP needle with the circular needle on the bottom and the tips aligned. Slip the loop of the slipknot onto them, slide it to the left and pull it just enough to hold it into place. Be sure the yarn to be worked is hanging downward. Wrap the yarn for the number of cast on stitches listed below in the pattern, towards the right from here in a counter clockwise motion. Do not count the initial loop as one of the wraps and keep the circular needle below the DP needle the entire time. This may sound silly, but if you don't wrap in the right direction you won't get what you need. You should complete this step with the appropriate number of loops on the DP needle, one slipknot, and the yarn hanging down in the front of the needles. Now move the yarn to be worked as if you are going to wrap once more, but instead of going up over both needles, you will only go up over the circular needle and then bring the yarn front in between the two needles. Pull the circular needle towards the right so that the nylon portion is holding the stitches. This allows you more room to work the stitches, and gives you more flexibility while working this portion. You are now ready to work the pattern as directed. *If you referred to the video, you'll see that the first row is a knitted row. With this pattern you will purl the first row.*

Instructions:

Toe (top)

Cast on (using Turkish Cast on technique) 18 sts.

Row 1: purl 18 sts, turn, *(be careful not to work your slip-knot, it does not count as a stitch). At this point you should have 18 stitches on the circular needle (these will be left alone until **Round 1.**) and you should have 18 stitches on the DP needle. Any extra loops can be dropped at this point. Slip the DP needle out of the slipknot and tighten it up. This is important to secure yarn tail, and prevents it being worked as a stitch.*

- Row 2:** sl1, k16, turn, (1 st remains unworked)
- Row 3:** sl1, p15, turn, (1 st remains unworked)
- Row 4:** sl1, k14, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)
- Row 5:** sl1, p13, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)
- Row 6:** sl1, k12, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)
- Row 7:** sl1, p11, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)
- Row 8:** sl1, k10, turn, (4 sts remain unworked)
- Row 9:** sl1, p9, p enc, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)

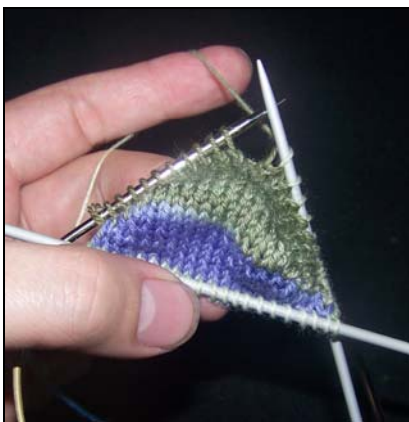
Toe (bottom)

- Row 10:** sl1, k9, k enc twice, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)
- Row 11:** sl1, p11, p enc, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)
- Row 12:** sl1, k12, k enc, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)
- Row 13:** sl1, p13, p enc, turn, (1 st remains unworked)
- Row 14:** sl1, k14, k enc, turn, (1 st remains unworked)
- Row 15:** sl1, p across, do not p enc, turn,
- Row 16:** sl1, k across, do not k enc, do not turn.



This is what your completed toe will look like. Notice the bottom is a different color than the top,

You should again have 18 sts on the DP needle and 18 still on the circular needle. Your completed toe will look like a neat little cup. Also this needle will be known as needle #1. Now you are ready to set up for the foot. (begin working in the round by picking up and working the stitches that are on the circular needle.)



Needle #1 (bottom), Needle #2 (right), circular needle (left)

Foot

Round 1: K9 *(from the circular needle)* with needle # 2, k9 *(the ones remaining on the circular needle)* with needle #3. k9 of the stitches from #1 with needle #4. *You should now have four DP needles, with 9 sts each. I now like to remove the slipknot and bring the tail from the purl side of the work to the knit side of the work between needles #1 & #4. (This will mark the beginning of each round and will keep the tail secure until you have the foot of the sock established.)*

Round 2: k10, inc 1 (you can choose any method you wish), k2, inc 1, k2, inc 1, k2, inc 1, k4, inc 1, k2, inc 1, k2, inc 1, k2, inc 1, k10. You now have 44 sts, rearrange them so that there are 10 sts each needles #1 & #4, 11 sts each on needles #2 & #3.

Rounds 3-30: Knit all sts on needles #1 & #4. Beginning with p2, work a 2x2 ribbing on needles #2 & #3.



**If you prefer to use 3 needles, or two circulars, then you can but if you are not familiar with sock knitting or my techniques, I recommend using the 4 DPs for your first pair.*



The heel is worked in the same manner as the toe.

Heel (bottom):

You will work short rows on 18 stitches, (arrange the stitches so that needles #1 & #2 have 9 sts each slip the remaining 26 sts onto your circular needle. This will make working the heel easier because you won't have the other two needles getting in your way) k9, turn,

Row 1: (beginning of heel bottom) sl1, p17, turn,

Row 2: sl1, k16, turn, (1 st remains unworked)

Row 3: sl1, p15, turn, (1 st remains unworked)

Row 4: sl1, k14, turn, (2 sts remain unworked).

Row 5: sl1, p13, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)

Row 6: sl1, k12, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)

Row 7: sl1, p11, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)

Row 8: sl1, k10, turn, (4 sts remain unworked)

Row 9: sl1, p9, turn, (3 sts remain unworked)

Heel (back)

Row 10: sl1, k9, k enc twice, turn (3 sts remain unworked)

Row 11: sl1, p11, p enc, turn, (2 sts remain unworked)

Row 12: sl1, k12, k enc, turn (2 sts remain unworked)

Row 13: sl1, p13, p enc, turn, (1 sts remain unworked)

Row 14: sl1, k14, k enc, turn, (1 sts remain unworked) (the next couple rows will be tricky because your lifted stitches come from the circular needle)

Row 15: sl1, p15, p enc, turn,

Row 16: sl1, k16, k enc, turn,

Row 17: sl1, p17, p enc, turn,

Row 18:(work only a partial row) sl1, k8, do not turn. (Resume knitting in the round and continue knitting the stitches on the circular needle when you reach that point.) Now is a good time arrange stitches evenly on the needles and revert back to the numbered needles.

Rounds 1-5: Work as for Rounds 3-30

Rounds 6-35: Work 2 x 2 ribbing starting with k1

Bind off, weave in loose ends and voila!