

# Cabled Socks



## Yarn

Light fingering weight sock yarn about 440 yards/100 gram

## Needles

US 1 (2.5 mm) and US 2 (3 mm), 40-inch circulars (magic loop) and a cable needle.

## Size

64 sts in the round. If you usually cast on 64 sts for your socks, you can use this pattern. The change in stitch count and needle size during the pattern is necessary due to the cables, which pull in a lot.

## Abbreviations

**k** = knit

**sts** = stitches

**C4B (4 stitches cable):**

**p** = purl

**cn** = cable needle

slip 2 **stitches** onto **cable needle** and hold in back of work, knit next 2 **stitches**, then knit the 2 **stitches** from **cable needle**

**st** = stitch

**m** = make (increase)

**sl** = slip (in this pattern always slip as to purl)

**wyib** = with yarn in back

**k2tog** = knit 2 sts together

**p2tog** = purl 2 sts together

## Cuff

With US size 1 1/2 (2.5 mm) needle cast on 64 sts and join in the round.

Rounds 1 – 18: \*k1, p1, repeat from \* to end of round.

## Leg

Change to US size 2 (3 mm) needle and knit next round as follows, increasing 8 sts to a total of 72 sts.

\*k8, m1, repeat from \* to end of round.

Next rounds establish cable pattern:

Rounds 1, 2 and 3: p1, k4, (p2, k4) eleven times, p1

Round 4: p1, C4B, (p2, C4B) eleven times, p1

Rounds 5 – 9: p1, k4, (p2, K4) eleven times, p1

Round 10: p1, C4B, (p2, C4B) eleven times, p1

Repeat rounds 5 – 10, eight times.

Repeat rounds 5 – 7, one more time.

## Heel

### Heel-flap:

Switch back to US size 1 1/2 (2.5 mm) needles.

The heel-flap is worked in slip st/knit and purl rows over the second half of the sts.

Set-up round:

P1, k4, (p2, k4) x 5, p1 (first half of you sts) = 36 sts

K2, (sl 1 wyib, k1) x 2, sl 1 wyib, k2tog, [(sl 1 wyib, k1) x 3, sl 1 wyib, k2tog] x 3 = 32 sts, turn your work.

Now you are working only the last 32 sts in rows.

**Row 1:** sl 1, p31

**Row 2:** \*sl 1 wyib, k1, repeat from \* to end of row = 32 sts

Repeat rows 1 and 2 twelve more times.

**Counting Tip:** on the back side you can see and count the slip st rows, you should have 14 rows of slipped sts.

### Heel turn:

**Row 1:** sl 1, p18, p2tog, p1, turn – leaving 10 sts unworked

**Row 2:** sl 1, k7, ssk, k1, turn – leaving 10 sts unworked

**Row 3:** sl 1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn – leaving 8 sts unworked

**Row 4:** sl 1, k9, ssk, k1, turn – leaving 8 sts unworked

**Row 5:** sl 1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn – leaving 6 sts unworked

**Row 6:** sl 1, k11, ssk, k1, turn – leaving 6 sts unworked

**Row 7:** sl 1, p12, p2tog, p1, turn – leaving 4 sts unworked

**Row 8:** sl 1, k13, ssk, k1, turn – leaving 4 sts unworked

**Row 9:** sl 1, p14, p2tog, p1, turn – leaving 2 sts unworked

**Row 10:** sl 1, k15, ssk, k1, turn – leaving 2 sts unworked

**Row 11:** sl 1, p16, p2tog, p1, turn – no sts unworked

**Row 12:** sl 1, k17, ssk, k1, all sts are worked, do not turn

You now have 20 heel sts.

## Gusset

Re-arrange your magic loop needle as follows to knit in the round again:

Pull out one loop in the middle of the heel sts and one loop in the middle of the instep sts.

Push the 10 heel sts with the working yarn attached to the tip of the needle.

Now pick up and knit 14 sts along the heel-flap.

Pick up and knit one more st in the corner between heel-flap and instep.

You picked up a total of 15 sts.

Place marker! I always use a green marker here to remember this is the first marker.

Work 18 instep sts (keeping up the cable pattern).

Switch in magic loop fashion to the other side and knit the other 18 instep sts (keeping up the cable pattern).

Place marker! Here I use a red marker to remember this is the second marker.

Pick up and knit 1 st in the corner between instep and heel-flap and pick up and knit 14 sts along the heel-flap, knit 10 heel sts.

Your first round is complete!

Repeat the following 2 rounds until you have decreased down to 68 total sts (34 sts on each side = 36 cabled instep sts and 32 stockinette sole sts).

**Round 1:** work all the sts while keeping up the cable pattern on the instep sts.

**Round 2:** knit within 2 sts of the first marker, k2tog, move marker, work 36 cable pattern sts, move marker, ssk, knit to end of round.

Once you are down to 68 total sts, re-arrange your magic loop needle as follows:

K16, remove marker, pul all sts back to the flexible part of the needle, with the second marker pull out a second loop. You are back in the round with the cable pattern sts on top and the stockinette sts on the bottom for the sole.

Work in pattern until 1 1/2 inches before the tip of your toes.

Get ready for the toe decreases as follows:

Set up round: (k7, k2tog) x 4, k32

Knit one round

**Toe-decreases:**

Round 1: k1, ssk, knit within 3 sts of the end of one side, k2tog, k1, repeat on the other side

Round 2: knit

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 32 sts total left (16 on each side).

Finish with kitchener stitch.

Weave in end.

Immediately start the second sock!