

Baby Socks Knitting Pattern (aka the Rock's Socks)

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Jeanne from 2 Askew Designs designed this infant sock pattern for Baby Zander. The pair that you see here are the first ones ever knit for him, so they will always hold a special place in our heart. Since we didn't release his name until after birth, the girls around the shop called him "the rock" - hence "Rock's Socks" as the name of the pattern!

Materials:

1 hank of Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sport, shown in the color Chocolate.
US Size 2 double pointed knitting needles or size to get gauge.

Gauge: 7.5-8 sts to the inch.

Abbreviations:

CO - Cast On
BO - Bind Off
K - Knit
P - Purl
sts - Stitches
sl - slip stitch as if to purl
slk - slip stitch as if to knit
K2tog - knit 2 sts together
P2tog - purl 2 sts together
SSK - slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit those 2 slipped stitches together

Directions:

CO 32 sts (try the german twisted cast on)
Arrange the stitches on the dpns as follows: 10 sts on needle 1, 10 sts on needle 2, 12 sts on needle 3; join in the round
Row 1: k2, p2 to end of round
Repeat Row 1 until sock measures approximately 2.5 inches from CO edge

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Next Row: decrease 4 sts as follows, K2tog, k 12, K2tog, K2tog, k 12, K2tog

Divide for heel by putting 14 sts on one needle and remaining sts on a different needle (these are the instep sts)

Heel Flap (you are now working on 14 sts):

Row 1: slk1, k1 repeat to end of row

Row 2: purl

Row 3: k1, slk1 repeat to end of row

Row 4: purl

Repeats these 4 rows until heel flap measures approximately 1 inch, end with a RS row

Turn Heel (you are still working on those same 14 sts):

Row 1(RS): slk 1st st, K 7 sts, K2tog, K1, turn work

Row 2(WS): sl 1st st, p3 sts, P2tog, p1, turn

Row 3(RS):slk 1st st, k4 sts, K2tog, k1, turn

Row 4(WS): sl 1st st, p5 sts, P2tog, p1, turn

Row 5(RS):slk 1st st, k6 sts, K2tog, turn

Row 6(WS): sl 1st st, p6 sts, P2tog, turn

Row 7(RS):Using 1 needle, K 4 sts. Using a 2nd needle, knit across the remaining 4 sts

Gusset:

Using that same needle, pick up 1 stitch per row on selvedge edge of right hand side of heel flap. (I.e., the objective is to connect the heel sts to those 14 instep sts that are hanging out on your extra needle.)

Using a 3rd needle, K2, P2 across the 14 instep stitches (match what were doing before).

Using another needle, pick up 1 stitch per row on selvedge edge of left hand side of heel flap. (I.e., the objective is to now connect the instep sts to those 4 heel sts.)

Using the same needle (we can call it "Needle 3"), knit the 4 heel sts.

Needle 1 holds the right side gusset, needle 2 holds the instep stitches (which you will keep in k2,p2 rib), and needle 3 holds the left side gusset.

Gusset Decrease:

Row 1: Ndl 1- K up to last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1; Ndl 2- keep in K2,P2 rib; Ndl 3- K1, SSK, K to end of round.

Row 2: knit

Repeat these 2 rows until you have decreased back to 28 sts). On the last row, knit to right side of instep, this will now mark the beginning of your round.

Knit around until sock measures approximately 2 inches from heel. Begin toe shaping.

Toe Shaping:

Row 1: Ndl 1- K1, K2TOG, knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1; Ndl 2- K1, K2TOG, knit to end of Ndl; Ndl 3- knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1

Row 2: knit

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 12 sts left. Cut a 8 inch tail and close with Kitchener stitch.

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