

## Better Than Vanilla Socks



### *Designed by Judy Sumner*

*These socks were designed to use with multicolored and self-patterning yarns to make them more interesting than “plain vanilla” socks.*

**Materials:** 100 grams of fingering weight yarn

1 set of five size 1 dp needles

**Gauge:** 8 sts = 1” in stockinette st.

### **Abbreviations:**

Sl 1 – Slip a stitch as if to purl with yarn in the back of work.

**Pattern:** (3 st. repeat)

Rounds 1 and 2: \* P2, Sl 1.

Repeat from \* around.

Rounds 3 and 4: Knit around.

### **Directons:**

Cast on 60 sts. over four needles (15 each) and work twisted rib – K1 in back, P1 until about 1-1/2” from beginning of work. Change to pattern and work until about 7” from beginning or desired

length, ending with a knit round. Knit across needle 1 and turn work for heel flap.

**Heel Flap:** Sl 1, then purl remaining sts across needles 1 and 4. Place all stitches on one needle for heel flap.

Row 2: (Sl 1, K1) across needle

Repeat the last two rows, completing 23 rows, ending with a purl row and right side facing you.

### **Turn Heel:**

Row 1: Sl 1, K16, SKP (Slip, knit and pass slip stitch over), K 1, Turn work

Row 2: Sl 1, P 5, P 2 tog, P 1, Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K 6, SKP, K 1, Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P 7, P 2 tog, P 1, turn

Continue in this manner, working one more stitch before decrease on each row until all sts have been worked. 16 sts. remain.

Knit across and begin gussets.

**Gussets:**

Pick up 13 sts along the side of the heel flap, M 1 in loop between heel flap and instep needle, knit across two instep needles, M 1 in loop between instep needle and heel flap, pick up 13 sts. along other side of heel flap. Divide heel sts between needles 1 and 4. Work 1 round, knitting M 1 st with the last st. on first side of the gusset and second st. on the second side of the gusset and knitting all sts on instep needles.

Decrease Round: Knit to 3 sts from end of first needles, SKP, K1. Knit across instep needles.

K1, K2 tog, knit remaining sts. on fourth needle.

Work one round with no decrease, always knitting sts. on instep.

Repeat these two rounds until heel needles (1 & 4) have 15 sts. on each needle.

**Foot:** Work around as established until foot length is 1-1/2" less than desired length from back of heel.

**Toe:**

Decrease Round: Work until 3 sts remain on first needle, SKP, K 1.

K1, K2tog, K remaining sts on needle two.

Knit sts on needle 3 until 3 sts. remain, SKP, K1.

K1, K2 tog, K remaining sts on needle 4.

Knit two rounds.

Repeat these three rounds twice. Then work decrease round every other row three times.

Work decrease round every row until 5 sts. remain on each needle. Combine sts from needles 1 and 4 on one needle and sts. from needles 2 and 3 on one needle.

Graft toe

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