

mis-matching socks

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My go-to basic sock pattern for gift giving! The sport or DK weight yarn works up quicker than fingering weight sock yarn, but still gives you a smooth fit that easily fits in your shoes. Ribbed for a snug fit and worked toe-up with a short row heel, these socks are a fun opportunity to play with color!

required skills

Knitting and purling in the round, increasing, switching between colors, short rows, Judy's Magic Cast On, simple stretchy bind off

instructional video

<https://www.fireflyfiberarts.com/workshops-1/two-at-a-time-socks>

materials

200 - 270 yards sport or DK weight yarn
US 3 needles for working in small circumference in the round
stitch markers
tapestry needle

gauge

30 st x 30 rows = 4" in 3x1 ribbing
washed and blocked

sizing

1 (2, 3, 4)
6" (7", 8", 9") foot circumference



pattern notes

This pattern was written for Firefly's Stitch|Lab Virtual Workshop: Two at a Time Sock Workshop. The mis-matching colors make this an easy first two-at-a-time sock pattern, as it helps you visually manage your two balls of yarn. Feel free to make these match or use less or more colors!

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abbreviations

BO - bind off
BOR - beginning of round
CO - cast on
C1 - color 1
C2 - color 2
k - knit
m1L - make one left
m1R - make one right
m - marker
p - purl
pm - place marker
RS - right side of work
sl - slip as if to purl
sm - slip marker
st(s) - stitch(es)
WS - wrong side of work
* * - repeat between stars

instructions

toe

Set up: Using C1 and Judy's Magic Cast On, CO 20 (24, 28, 32) st

Round 1: k 10 (12, 14, 16), pm, k 10 (12, 14, 16) remembering to fix twisted stitches, place BOR marker

Round 2: *k1, m1L, k to 1 st before marker, m1R, k1, sm* two times total (4 sts increased)

Round 3: k 1 round

Repeat **Rounds 2 & 3** 4 (6, 6, 8) more times, or until you have 40 (48, 56, 64) sts

Cut C1

foot

Join C2 and knit 1 round

Round 4: *k3, p1* to m, sm, k to 1 st before m, p, sm

Repeat **Round 4** until sock measures 2" (2", 2.25", 2.5") shorter than desired toe to heel length

Do not cut C2

short row heel

We will now be working short rows flat across the last 1/2 of our stitches to knit our heel.

Join C1 and turn to work WS

Row 1 (WS): p 20 (24, 28, 32), TURN to work RS

Row 2 (RS): sl1, k 18 (22, 26, 30), TURN to work WS

Row 3: sl1, p 17 (21, 25, 29), TURN

Row 4: sl1, k 16 (20, 24, 28), TURN

Row 5: sl1, p 15 (19, 23, 27), TURN

Row 6: sl1, k 14 (18, 22, 26), TURN

Row 7: sl1, p 13 (17, 21, 25), TURN

Row 8: sl1, k12 (16, 20, 24) TURN

Row 9: sl1, p11 (15, 19, 23) TURN

Row 10: sl1, k10 (14, 18, 22) TURN

Size 1 should now move onto next section, "resolving short row gaps"

Row 11: sl1, p x (13, 17, 21), TURN

Row 12: sl1, k x (12, 16, 20), TURN

Row 13: sl1, p x (11, 15, 19), TURN

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Row 14: sl1, k x (10, 14, 18), TURN

*Size 2 should now move onto next section,
“resolving short row gaps”*

Row 15: sl1, p x (x, 13, 17), TURN

Row 16: sl1, k x (x, 12, 16), TURN

Row 17: sl1, p x (x, 11, 15), TURN

Row 18: sl1, k x, (x, 10, 14), TURN

*Size 3 should now move onto next section,
“resolving short row gaps”*

Row 19: sl1, p x (x, x, 13), TURN

Row 20: sl1, k x (x, x, 12), TURN

Row 21: sl1, p x (x, x, 11), TURN

Row 22: sl1, k x, (x, x, 10) TURN

*Size 4 should now move onto next section,
“resolving short row gaps”*

resolving short row gaps

We will continue to work flat across our heel stitches to close all of the gaps we created in our short row heel section. We will be closing the gaps by picking up bars in the gaps and knitting or purling them together with our slipped stitches. See reference images on pages 4 & 5 on how to work this technique if you are unfamiliar.

Row 1 (WS): sl1, p9, sl1, pick up bar in gap with left needle from back to front, place slipped st back on left needle and purl together with the picked up bar, TURN

Row 2 (RS): sl1, k9, sl1, pick up bar in gap with left needle from back to front, place slipped st back on left needle and knit together with the picked up bar, TURN

Row 3: sl1, p to 1 st before gap, sl1, pick up bar in gap with left needle from back to front, place slipped st back on left needle and purl together with picked up bar, TURN

Row 4: sl1, k to 1 st before gap, sl1, pick up bar in gap with left needle from back to front, place slipped st back on left needle and knit together with picked up bar, TURN

Repeat **Rows 3 & 4** until all gaps have been closed. **Do not turn to work WS on your last repeat of Row 4.**

Cut C1

leg

Set up: Using C2, *k3, p1* to marker, sm, k to 1 st before marker, p, sm

Work 3x1 ribbing (k3, p1) across all sts until leg measures 5” from top of heel or until 1” shorter than desired finished length

Cut C2

cuff

Join C1

Knit 1 round

Work 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 1” or desired cuff length.

BO using simple stretchy bind off or other stretchy bind off of your choice

finishing

Weave in ends, block and enjoy!

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resolving short row gaps - purl side

1. Slip the stitch before the gap and pick up bar in gap from back to front with left needle



2. Slip the slipped stitch back to left hand needle



3. Insert right needle into slipped stitch and picked up bar as if to purl



4. Purl picked up bar and slipped stitch together



5. Complete purl stitch onto right needle



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resolving short row gaps - knit side

1. Slip the stitch before the gap and pick up bar in gap from back to front with left needle



2. Slip the slipped stitch back to left hand needle



3. Insert right needle into slipped stitch and picked up bar as if to knit



4. Knit picked up bar and slipped stitch together

