

Southwestern Socks

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Gauge: 6.5 stitches and 9 rows per inch

Needle Size: US size 2 dpns or size you need to attain gauge

Yarn: One skein sport weight sock yarn (approximately 240 – 280 yards)

Size: Medium (8" around)

Yarn used for pictured socks is Fiesta Boomerang in the Mochachino colorway.

Lace Chart

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| | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| λ | | | | ○ | | ○ | | | | ∧ | 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | λ | | | ○ | | ○ | | | ∧ | | 5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | | λ | | ○ | | ○ | | ∧ | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | | | λ | ○ | | ○ | ∧ | | | | 1 |
| 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |

Chart Key

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| | K |
| ∧ | K2tog |
| λ | SSK |
| ○ | YO |

Abbreviations:

K – knit

K2tog – knit 2 together

P – purl

M1 – make one

Sl – slip

Ssk -- Slip one stitch, then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position (through the back loops)

Toe:

Using the Turkish Cast-on method, (or another toe-up cast-on method like the Figure-8 Cast-on), cast on a total of 24 stitches – 12 on each needle. Work the stitches as described in your cast-on method and divide them so that there are 6 stitches on each of 4 needles. On the next round increase 4 stitches thusly:

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit to the end

Needle 2: K until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 3: K 1, M1, knit to the end

Needle 4: K until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 52 stitches.

Separate the stitches as follows:

Needle 1 (instep) – 12 stitches

Needle 2 (instep) – 12 stitches

Needle 3 (sole) – 14 stitches

Needle 4 (sole) – 14 stitches

Start the lace pattern:

Needle 1: Work the chart over the next 11 stitches, k1

Needle 2: K1, work the chart over the next 11 stitches

Needles 3 and 4: Knit across.

Work the foot until you reach the point where your foot connects to the ankle, or approximately 2 – 2 ½" shy of the total length of the sock.

Create the Gusset:

Round 1:

Work across Needle 1 and Needle 2 (the instep stitches) in the lace pattern.

Needle 3: (sole stitches): K1, M1, knit across remaining stitches.

Needle 4: Knit across to the last stitch, M1, K1.

Round 2:

Work across Needle 1 and Needle 2 (the instep stitches) in the lace pattern, on Needles 3 and 4 knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 24 stitches each on Needles 3 and 4.

Turn the Heel:

Slip all stitches from Needles 3 and 4 onto one needle. You will work back and forth on these stitches and will not work the stitches on needles 1 and 2 while turning the heel. Turn heel as follows:

K 27, ssk, k 1, turn

Sl 1, p 7, p2tog, p 1, turn

Sl 1, k 8, ssk, k 1, turn

Sl 1, p 9, p2tog, p 1, turn

Sl 1, k 10, ssk, k 1, turn

Sl 1, p 11, p2tog, p 1, turn

Continue in this manner until all the stitches are worked and you have 28 stitches on the needle. Divide these 28 stitches over 2 needles and resume working in the round as follows:

Needle 1: Work the chart over the next 11 stitches, K1

Needle 2: K1, work the chart over the next 11 stitches

Needle 3: K2, work the chart over the next 11 stitches, K1

Needle 4: K1, work the chart over the next 11 stitches, K 2.

Work in pattern until your sock is 1 inch short of the desired leg length, then work in k2 p2 ribbing for 1 inch as follows. Bind off very loosely in rib.

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