

Swan Song Toe-up Socks

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Size: Medium, Large (8", 9" around)

Gauge: 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch in stockinette stitch on smaller needles

Needles: 2 US size 0 (2mm) circular needles (see note below) 16" or longer, or size to attain gauge

Yarn: Fingering weight sock yarn (approximately 350 – 400 yards)

Abbreviations:

K – knit

K2TOG – knit 2 together

KFB – knit in the front and back of the next stitch

M1 – make one

P – purl

P2TOG – purl 2 together

PFB – purl in the front and back of the next stitch

PSSO – pass slipped stitch over

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)

TBL – through back loops

W&T – Wrap and turn. Bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next stitch to the right needle, bring yarn around this stitch to back of work, slip stitch back to the left needle, Turn your work to begin working back in the other direction and slip the wrapped stitch unworked from the left to right needle

YO– yarnover

Notes:

This pattern is written for two circular needles. You can easily convert it to dpns by dividing the stitches over 4 dpns.

The pattern repeat is 14 rows. Only odd-number rows are shown on the chart. On even-numbered rows knit the twisted knit stitches through back loops and purl the purl stitches

When you work the "make 1" increases for the gusset, you can do a lifted increase, or knit in the front and back of a stitch, whichever you prefer. I prefer the "knit in the front and back of a stitch" method – I find it makes a neater increase with no hole.

Toe:

Using Judy's Magic Cast-on, (or another toe-up cast-on method like the Turkish Cast-on), cast on a total of 30 (34) stitches –15 (17) on each needle. Knit across the stitches on each needle once. On the next round increase 4 stitches thusly:

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 2: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing. Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 66 (74) stitches: 33 (37) on each needle.

Note:

If you prefer a pointier toe, you can cast on fewer stitches, but be sure to increase until you have 33 (37) stitches on each of the two needles.

Start the pattern. You will work the chart over Needle 1 only (the instep stitches) and knit across Needle 2 (the sole stitches).

Work Row 1 of the chart over the 33 (37) stitches on Needle 1. Knit across stitches on Needle.

Heel flap: Work back and forth on heel stitches:

Row 1 (RS): K 47 (52) (knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps), SSK, turn

Row 2: SL 1, P 31 (35), P2TOG, turn

Row 3: [SL 1, K 1] 16 (18) times, SSK, turn

Repeat Rows 2-3 until all side stitches have been worked, end having worked row 2. Needle 2 now holds 33 (37) stitches.

Begin working in the round again. You will continue to work the lace chart on Needle 1 and knit across Needle 2. When your sock is 1 inch short of the desired leg length, work in k1 p1 ribbing for 1 inch. Bind off very loosely in rib.

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