

We're Going Ga-Ga for These Baby Socks

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We've all been there: you have a baby shower to attend, and need to whip up a handmade gift, stat. Never fear — these adorable baby socks are quick, cute, and the parents-to-be will love them. The best part? They don't take much yarn. In fact, you probably have enough sock yarn leftover from the last pair you knit yourself!

These socks are worked from the top down, and use a short row heel. If you're new to sock knitting, this baby-sized project is a perfect way to learn all the parts that go into a full-sized sock.

Baby Sock Pattern

Level: Intermediate

Size: Newborn to 3 months

What You Need

- [Fingering-weight yarn](#) $\frac{3}{8}$ (about 50 yards)
- [US 1.5 \(2.5mm\) 32-inch circular needle](#) $\frac{3}{8}$ (or DPNs if you don't want to use the [magic loop method](#))
- [Stitch marker](#) $\frac{3}{8}$
- [Tapestry needle](#) $\frac{3}{8}$

Gauge

8 sts in 2x2 rib (unstretched) = 1 inch

Abbreviations

- K - Knit
- K2tog - [Knit two together](#)
- Pm - Place marker
- Rnd(s) - Round(s)
- Ssk - [Slip, slip knit](#)
- St(s) - Stitch(es)
- W&t - [Wrap and turn](#)

Stitch Patterns

2x2 Rib

Worked over a multiple of 4 sts.

*Knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches; repeat from * around.

Stockinette in the Round

Worked over any number of stitches.

Knit every stitch.

Instructions

Make two.

Knit the Leg

Cast on 32 sts, pm, and join to knit in the round.

Rnds 1-24: Work in 2x2 Rib pattern (see Stitch Patterns)

Turn the Heel

The short-row heel is worked over the next 16 sts. You'll work flat, in rows, not in rounds, for this part of the sock. The pattern as written leaves 6 sts between your short rows.

Good to Know

We used wrap and turn short rows for the heel, but any short row method will work! Check out a few of our favorites [in this free class](#) .

Row 1: Knit 15 sts, w&t.

Row 2: Purl 14 sts, w&t.

Row 3: Knit 13 sts, w&t.

Row 4: Purl 12 sts, w&t.

Row 5: Knit 11 sts, w&t.

Row 6: Purl 10 sts, w&t.

Row 7: Knit 9 sts, w&t.

Row 8: Purl 8 sts, w&t.

Now it's time to work the short rows back out, resolving the wrapped stitches as you go.

Row 1: Knit to your first wrapped stitch, knit the wrap AND stitch together, w&t. (you are wrapping the stitch *after* the one you just worked, so now this stitch has TWO wraps on it).

Row 2: Purl to your first wrapped stitch, purl the wrap AND stitch together, w&t.

Row 3: Knit to your next wrapped stitch, knit BOTH wraps and the stitch together, w&t.

Row 4: Purl to your next wrapped stitch, purl BOTH wraps and the stitch together, w&t.

Work as established until you have knit all the way across the stitches. You'll be wrapping around the stitches a second time, so make sure to knit both wraps when you get to them.

Pro Tip

Need help with the short-row heel? You can [see it in action here!](#)

Knit the Foot

Working in the round over all the stitches again, keeping the 16 heel sts in Stockinette pattern as established, and the 16 held leg sts in 2x2 Rib pattern, as established, knit until the foot measures about 2-1/4 inches.

Decrease the Toe

Rnd 1: *K1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of row - 28 sts

Rnd 2 and all even rnds: K one round.

Rnd 3: *K1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of row - 24 sts

Rnd 5: *K1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of row - 20 sts

Rnd 7: *K1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of row - 16 sts

Continue working the toe decrease as established until only 8 sts remain.

Break the yarn, leaving yourself a long tail. Use [Kitchener stitch](#) to graft the toe stitches together. Weave in your ends.