



A BEE IN THE BONNET



COMITY SOCKS

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Introduction

comity (n.) - mutual courtesy; civility.

A little bit of mutual courtesy can go a long way when we're all feeling frazzled and stressed. While there are times and places when sharp remarks and direct action are appropriate, it's important to be able to distinguish those situations. When in doubt, I try civility, first.

And if I'm honest, I'm always better at being civil after I've had some stitching time. Knitting helps smooth my ruffled feathers and calm my overheated emotions, especially when I know I'm overreacting to a mild situation. Working on these socks helped keep me civil during a particularly

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cranky phase, and I hope you find them helpful, too, if you could use a little boost.

I try my very best to make sure that all my patterns are error-free and easy to follow. If you have any trouble with this pattern, please let me know! You can reach me by email at abeeinthebonnet@gmail.com, on Ravelry at [abeeinthebonnet](#), on Instagram at [@abeeinthebonnet](#), and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/abeeinthebonnet>.

And of course, if you share photos of your project on social media, I'd love to see them! Please tag your photos with #ComitySocks and #ABITBKnits to share with others.

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Pattern Specs

Sizes: S, M, L; Finished sock dimensions: 7.5” (19 cm), 8.75” (22 cm), 10” (25.5 cm) circumference (Note: most people like their socks snug, so choose a finished sock size that is slightly smaller than your actual foot).

Materials: Fingering weight yarn, 300-380 yds (274-348 m); Sample shown knit in Stress Knits Yarn Favorite, 80% superwash merino, 20% nylon, worsted spun, 400 yds (366 m) / 3.53 oz (100 g)

Gauge: 4” (10 cm) square = 32 stitches x 40 rows in stockinette

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Needles: One set of needles for your preferred style of small-circumference knitting in a size to match gauge listed above; Suggested needle size: US 1.5 (2.5 mm)

Tools: One stitch marker for beginning of round; optional additional markers between pattern repeats; Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Skill Level: Intermediate; **Techniques:** decreases, knitting in the round, Kitchener stitch grafting

Abbreviations

k = knit

k2tog = knit two stitches together

p = purl

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ssk = slip two stitches individually knitwise, then knit them together through the back loop
Cluster 4 sts = insert tip of right-hand needle from front to back into space between k2tog and ssk two rows below, grab the working yarn with your needle tip, pull it through to the front, and draw it up onto the right hand needle. Knit two stitches, then repeat. If a visual instruction would be more useful to you, I filmed a tutorial, which you can find here: <https://youtu.be/5vbhsaFvpVo>

Pattern Instructions

Using your preferred cast-on method, cast on 60 (70) (80) stitches. Join for knitting in the round and take care not to twist. Place a marker at the

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join to mark the end of the round.

Work 12 rounds of p1, ktbl ribbing.

Leg Instructions:

Work the following 16-round repeat or see Chart A. Work this repeat until the leg of your sock measures 6" (15 cm), ending on either row 8 or 16. You can make this part of your sock longer or shorter, if you'd like, but know that changes to the length of the leg will affect how much yarn you use.

Round 1: *P1, k2tog, ssk, p1, k4; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: *P1, k2, p1, k4; repeat from * to end of

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round.

Round 3: *P1, cluster 4 sts, p1, k4; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 4: *P1, k4; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 5: Repeat round 1.

Round 6: Repeat round 2.

Round 7: Repeat round 3.

Round 8: Repeat round 4.

Round 9: *P1, k4, p1, k2tog, ssk; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 10: *P1, k4, p1, k2; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 11: *P1, k4, p1, cluster 4 sts; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 12: Repeat round 4

Round 13: Repeat round 9.

Round 14: Repeat round 10.

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Heel:

This sock uses a heel flap and gusset for a snug, highly customizable fit. You'll work your heel flap using the last 30 (34, 40) stitches of your sock. Work in pattern across the first 30 (36, 40) stitches.

Now begin working your heel flap as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Slip 1 purlwise with yarn in back, k1, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1 purlwise, purl to end of row.

Work these two rows until you have 30 (34, 40) rows total, ending on a WS row.

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Now it's time to turn the heel. For each slip stitch in the following instructions, slip your stitch purlwise with yarn held in back (RS rows) or front (WS rows). Follow these steps:

1. K17 (19, 22), ssk, k1, turn.
2. Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.
3. Sl 1, knit to within first st from gap, ssk, k1, turn.
4. Sl 1, purl to within first st from gap, p2tog, p1, turn.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until you have used up all the stitches in your heel flap, ending on a WS row.

Gusset: Knit half of the heel stitches and place marker. Rounds will now start in the middle of the

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heel flap. Knit remaining heel stitches and pick up one stitch in each of the slipped edge stitches along the heel flap. Pick up 1 additional stitch where heel flap and instep join. Work in pattern across the instep stitches. (Note: for size M, you will have six stitches remaining after your last full pattern repeat. Work five stitches as one half of a pattern repeat, then work one stitch as a purl stitch.) Pick up and knit one stitch where instep and heel flap join and one stitch in each slipped stitch along the other edge of the other side of the heel flap. Work remaining stitches from heel flap.

Work one round, knitting the sole stitches and working the instep stitches in pattern.

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Round 1: Knit to 3 stitches before instep, k2tog, k1, work instep stitches in pattern, k1, ssk, knit to end of round.

Round 2: Work one round, knitting the sole stitches and working the instep stitches in pattern.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 60 (70, 80) stitches total on your needles.

Foot:

Remove end of round marker and knit to beginning of instep. Replace end of round marker.

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Continue working in pattern across instep and knitting across sole until foot measures 2" (5 cm) shorter than your desired length, ending on either row 8 or 16. To determine the length of your sock's foot, measure from the outside of your heel to the tip of your toes. Compare that to the length of your sock from the deepest part of the heel to the working edge.

Toe:

When you've finished knitting the body of your sock, you'll need to close the toe.

1. Instep stitches (first 30 [35, 40] stitches of the round): K1, ssk, k24 (29, 34), k2tog, k1. Repeat

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- for sole stitches (second 30 [35, 40] stitches of the round).
2. Knit all stitches in the round.
 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have 24 (26, 28) stitches total. Note that for each repeat, you will have two fewer stitches between your ssk and your k2tog than you did on the previous repeat.
 4. Move your stitches onto two needles, 12 (13, 14) per needle, with the sole stitches on one needle and the instep stitches on the other.
 5. Graft your toe together using Kitchener stitch.

Break yarn, weave in ends securely, and block.



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