

Beginner's Cable Socks

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Size

This pattern is written in 4 sizes: XS (S, M, L).

Measure around the ball of your foot. For a snug fit, choose a size approximately 2 cm / $\frac{3}{4}$ " smaller than your actual foot circumference.

(Foot length is for reference; do not reduce when choosing size.)

Finished measurements:

Circumference

- XS: 17.5 cm / 7"
- S: 19 cm / 7.5"
- M: 21 cm / 8.25"
- L: 22.5 cm / 8.75"

Foot length (from heel to toe)

- XS: 21 cm / 8.25"
- S: 22 cm / 8.65"
- M: 23 cm / 9.05"
- L: 24.5 cm / 9.65"

Material

- **Yarn:**

4ply sock yarn, approx. 1.2 skeins (about 60g / 270m).
Sample shown in DROPS Fabel.

- **Needles:**

2.5 mm circular needle (80 cm or longer) for Magic Loop, or double-pointed needles (DPNs) for knitting in the round.
Use needles that give you the correct gauge.

- **Notions:**

Stitch markers, tapestry needle for weaving in ends, cable needle.

Gauge

32 sts and 40 rows = 10 cm (4") in stockinette stitch, after blocking.

Abbreviations

- **K** = knit
- **P** = purl
- **tbl** = through the back loop
(insert the needle into the back leg of the stitch to work it)
- **K2tog** = knit 2 together
- **P2tog** = purl 2 together
- **SKPO** / **SSK** = Slip, Knit, Pass Over / Slip, Slip, Knit
- **C4B** = Cable 4 Back
(slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back, K2, then K2 from cable needle)
- **C4F** = Cable 4 Front
(slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K2, then K2 from cable needle)
- **RS** = Right Side
- **WS** = Wrong Side
- **PM** = piece marker

Instruction

Cast On:

Use Twisted German Cast-On to cast on 56 (60, 68, 72) sts.
Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.
Place stitch marker at beginning of round.

Cuff (all sizes):

Rnd 1-8 (or desired length): *K2, P2* around.

Leg:

Work 28 (30, 34, 36) sole sts in stockinette throughout, remaining sts in pattern as follows.

Top of Foot - Leg Pattern Repeat (8 rnds):

- **Rnd 1:**
K4 (6, 10, 12), P2, K1 tbl, P2, C4B, C4F, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K4 (6, 10, 12)
- **Rnd 2, 4, 6, 8:**
K4 (6, 10, 12), P2, K1, P2, K8, P2, K1, P2, K4 (6, 10, 12)
- **Rnd 3, 7:**
K4 (6, 10, 12), P2, K1 tbl, P2, K8, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K4 (6, 10, 12)
- **Rnd 5:**
K4 (6, 10, 12), P2, K1 tbl, P2, C4F, C4B, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K4 (6, 10, 12)

Repeat Leg Pattern (8 rnds) until leg measures desired length.
For this sample, work 6 pattern repeats in total (48 rnds).

Note: The instep pattern is continued through the gusset and onto the foot.

Heel Flap:

Worked back and forth on 28 (30, 34, 36) sole sts.

Rows 1-28:

Row 1 (RS): Knit all sts, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1, purl remaining sts, turn.

Row 3 (RS): *Slip 1, K1* across, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until heel flap measures desired length (28 rows total, ending on a WS row).

Heel Turn:

Worked back and forth on heel flap sts.

Row 1 (RS): K18 (20, 24, 26), SKPO (or SSK), K1, turn (7 sts remaining on needle).

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1, P9 (11, 15, 17), P2tog, P1, turn (7 sts remaining on needle).

Row 3 (RS): Slip 1, K10 (12, 16, 18), SKPO (or SSK), K1, turn (5 sts remaining on needle).

Row 4 (WS): Slip 1, P11 (13, 17, 19), P2tog, P1, turn (5 sts remaining on needle).

Row 5 (RS): Slip 1, K12 (14, 18, 20), SKPO (or SSK), K1, turn (3 sts remaining on needle).

Row 6 (WS): Slip 1, P13 (15, 19, 21), P2tog, P1, turn (3 sts remaining on needle).

Row 7 (RS): Slip 1, K14 (16, 20, 22), SKPO (or SSK), K1, turn (1 sts remaining on needle).

Row 8 (WS): Slip 1, P15 (17, 21, 23), P2tog, P1, turn (1 sts remaining on needle).

Row 9 (RS): Slip 1, K16 (18, 22, 24), SKPO (or SSK), turn (no sts remaining on needle).

Row 10 (WS): Slip 1, P16 (18, 22, 24), P2tog, turn (no sts remaining on needle).

Gusset setup round:

Insert Marker ① at the beginning of the round.

K18 (20, 24, 26) heel sts, pick up 14 sts along heel flap edge, PM (marker ②).

Work Row 1 of instep pattern across the instep sts:

K4 (6, 10, 12), P2, K1 tbl, P2, C4B, C4F, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K4 (6, 10, 12).

PM (marker ③), then pick up 14 sts along the other heel flap edge, knit to Marker ①.

Gusset Decreases (worked in the round):

Alternate the following 2 rounds until you return to the original stitch count – 56 (60, 68, 72) sts total:

Decrease Rnd:

From Marker ①: Knit to 3 sts before Marker ②, K2tog, K1.

Slip Marker ②, work next row of instep pattern across instep sts (starting from first unworked st after Marker ②).

Slip Marker ③, K1, SKPO (or SSK), knit to Marker ① to complete the round.

Note: Each decrease round reduces 1 st in the first picked-up section (before the instep) and 1 st in the second picked-up section (after the instep), for a total of 2 decreases per round. The instep stitches remain unchanged.

Plain Rnd:

Knit to Marker ②, work next row of instep pattern, knit to Marker ①.

Continue working instep sts in pattern as established, and work sole sts in stockinette, decreasing for gusset as instructed.

Remove markers after gusset decreases are complete.

Foot – Top of Foot Pattern:

After the gusset decreases, you will be at row 2 of the instep pattern.

Continue the 8-round pattern repeat as follows until you reach the specified number of rounds:

- **XS**: Work 30 rounds to complete the pattern repeat.
- **S**: Work 35 rounds, ending at row 5 of the pattern repeat.
- **M**: Work 38 rounds to complete the pattern repeat. Then work 2 additional rounds in stockinette over all sts.
- **L**: Work 46 rounds to complete the pattern repeat.

Work sole sts in stockinette throughout.

Toe (**XS**, **M**, **L**):

Rnd 1: Knit all sts (no decreases).

Rnd 2 (first decrease round):

Sole sts: K1, K2tog, K22 (28, 30), SKPO (or SSK), K1

Instep sts: K1, K2tog, K22 (28, 30), SKPO (or SSK), K1

Note: On both sole and instep, always knit the first and last st. The 2nd st is decreased with K2tog, and the second-to-last st is decreased with SKPO/SSK. Keep this positioning in all decrease rounds.

Rnd 3, 5, 7, 9: Knit all sts.

Rnd 4, 6, 8: Repeat decrease setup from Rnd 2 (2 decreases on sole, 2 on instep).

Rnd 10–14: Continue decreasing as in Rnd 2 on every round until the required number of sts remain for toe shaping.

Toe (S) :

Note: This size follows the original design: the instep pattern continues into the first 2 rounds of the toe to complete the chart before switching fully to stockinette. This also balances the foot length for Size S.

Rnd 1: Work all sts in stockinette on sole sts; work row 6 of instep pattern on top-of-foot sts.

Rnd 2 (first decrease round) :

Sole sts: K1, K2tog, K24, SKPO (or SSK), K1

Instep sts: K1, K2tog, K3, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K8, P2, K1 tbl, P2, K3, SKPO (or SSK), K1

Rnd 3: Work all sts in stockinette on sole sts; work row 8 of instep pattern on top-of-foot sts (instep pattern now complete).

Rnd 4-9: Continue as for XS/M/L, working decreases on even rounds (same positions as Rnd 2) and stockinette on odd rounds.

Rnd 10-14: Work decreases every round until toe is complete.

Finishing:

After completing the toe decreases, you should have 20 (24, 32, 36) sts remaining.

Divide the stitches evenly onto two needles and graft them together using Kitchener stitch.

Weave in all yarn ends, then lightly block the socks to shape.

Tips:

- When weaving in ends, hide them inside the fabric for a clean finish.
- During blocking, gently shape the socks. Avoid twisting or wringing to prevent distortion.

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