

Simple Summer Socks

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These lacy socks were designed to be made from a single 50-gram skein of Koigu KPPPM. I wanted the yarn's stunning colours to still be displayed without being overshadowed by a stitch pattern or vice versa, and so these lovely little socks came about! They feature toe-up construction, a short-row heel, and a very simple lace pattern to flaunt your yarn's gorgeous colour!



What You'll Need

1 50-gram skein of Koigu KPPPM or other sock yarn
2.5mm needles (either double-points or circulars and whatever size you need to get gauge)
2 stitch markers
1 tapestry needle

Gauge: 28 sts over 4 inches in stockinette st.

Toe

Using a figure 8 cast-on or your preferred toe-up cast-on method, CO 20 sts (10 on each of 2 needles).

If using dpns, divide evenly onto four needles.

Rnd 1: [pm (either on your needle between sts or if beginning of rnd falls between needles, on the fabric), k1, M1L, k8, m1R, k1] twice.

Rnd 2: k all sts.

Rnd 3: [k1, M1L, k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1] twice.

Rnd 4: k all sts.

Repeat last 2 rnds 4 more times. 44 sts.

Next rnd: k1, M1L, k to next m, k1, M1L, k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1.

The needle(s) with a total of 23 sts will become the patterned instep, while increases continue on the bottom of the foot.

Foot Set-Up

Rnd 1: k all sts.

Rnd 2: k1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to first m, k1, M1L, k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1.

Rnd 3: k all sts.

Rnd 4: *ssk, yo; rep from * to 1 st before first m, k2, M1L, k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1. 23 instep sts, 28 sole sts.

Foot

Rnd 1: k all sts.

Rnd 2: k1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to first m, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: k all sts

Rnd 4: *ssk, yo; rep from * to 1 st before first m, k to end of rnd.

Work in pattern until work measures 3" from back of heel when stretched comfortably, ending after a rnd 4.

Before You Begin

Divide your yarn into two 25-gram balls. This way you can be sure you won't accidentally use more than half on one sock.

Gusset

Rnd 1: k all sts.

Rnd 2: work in pattern to first m, k1, M1L, k to 1 st before next m, M1R, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 times more. 23 instep sts, 36 sole sts.

Heel

Row 1: k to 1 st before end of rnd, wrap and turn.

Row 2: p to 1 st before next m, wrap and turn.

Row 3: k to 1 st before wrap, wrap and turn.

Row 4: p to 1 st before wrap, wrap and turn.

Repeat last 2 rows 9 more times until 14 sts are between wraps, or whatever fits you best.

Next row: k to first wrapped st, pick up wrap and knit it tog with st, wrap next st (should now have 2 wraps on it) and turn.

Next row: p to first wrapped st, pick up wrap and purl it tog with st, wrap next st (should also now have 2 wraps on it) and turn.

Continue, picking up wraps, wrapping and turning until yarn is at the beginning of the rnd. There should still be one wrapped st on the right side of the heel. Its wraps will be picked up and knitted on the next rnd to avoid holes.

Cuff Set-Up

Rnd 1: work in pattern to first m, k to end of rnd, making sure to pick up wraps on the first st after m and k them tog with st.

Rnd 2: k to m, [k2, k2tog] 9 times. 50 sts.

Cuff

Rnd 1: *yo, ssk; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2: k all sts.

Rnd 3: *k2tog, yo; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: k all sts.

Repeat last 4 rows as many times as you like or have yarn for. BO after rnd 2 or 4.

To bind off, cut yarn, leaving a tail about three times the circumference of the edge of sts you want to bind off. Thread tail on tapestry needle and enter first 2 sts on left-hand needle purlwise. Pull tail through and enter first st on left-hand needle knitwise, pulling tail through and dropping that st off the needle. Repeat until all sts are bound off. Secure ends. Block.



Abbreviations and Techniques

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

dpns: double-pointed needles

k: knit

k2tog: with yarn in back, insert needle knitwise into first two sts on left needle, knit them together

m: marker

p: purl

pm: place marker

rnd: round

ssk: with yarn in back, slip knitwise first two stitches from left needle to right needle one at a time, slip them back to left needle and knit them together through the back loop

st(s): stitch(es)

wrap and turn: take yarn to opposite side of work (if in back, bring forward and vice versa), slip first st on left-hand needle purlwise to right-hand needle, bring yarn back to original side of work, return st to left-hand needle, and turn work so the opposite side is facing.



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