

Beginner TOE-UP Socks for Magic Loop

by Liat Gat



Materials:

Yarn: 150-400 yds fingering-weight yarn (amount of yarn needed depends on length of cuff).

If working two socks at one time, separate yarn into two balls of equal yardage.

Gauge: 7 sts/in in St st.

Needles: 1 or 2 40-inch circular needle(s) OR set of DPNs, in whatever size required for YOU to obtain gauge. I used US #2. What kind of needles you require depends on how you prefer to knit in the round. I prefer magic loop, which requires one circular needle.

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors.

Sizes: S, M, L

Finished Measurements:

Foot circumference: 7[8, 9] inches, unstretched

Length: customizable to exact foot size

Abbreviations/Terms:

CO: cast on

PM: place marker

BOR: beginning of round

M1L: insert L needle from front to back under stretch of yarn between sts. Knit through the back of loop

M1R: insert L needle from back to front under stretch of yarn between sts. Knit through the front of loop

K2tog (knit 2 together): knit 2 sts together by inserting the needle into both sts at once

P2tog (purl 2 together): purl 2 sts together by inserting the needle into both sts at once

instep: the part of the sock opposite the heel (front of ankle).

Pattern Notes:

Sock is worked in the round from toe to cuff.

The heel shaping is taken directly from [Fleegle's](#) blog and is famously known as the Fleegle Heel.

Pattern Instructions:

Toe

Using [Judy's Magic Cast-On](#), CO 12(16,20) sts, 6(8,10) on each needle.

Prepare to knit in the round. PM into stitch to indicate BOR (NB: you may want to move this stitch marker periodically as you increase).

Round 1: Knit (note: you will need to knit the stitches on the second needle through the back loops).

Round 2: K1, M1L, K to last st on needle, M1R, K1, repeat on other needle.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until there are 24(28,32) sts on each needle [48(56,64) sts total].

Foot

Knit in the round until sock reaches the front of your ankle. Hint: try the sock on and pull it as snug as you like your socks. Flex your foot. Does the knitting reach your ankle?

Gusset:

Round 1:

Needle 1 (heel needle): K1, M1L, K to last st on needle, M1R, K1.

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until the heel needle contains 46(54,62) sts.

Turn Heel:

Begin working back and forth across heel as follows:

PM at midpoint between sts.

Row 1: K to 2 sts beyond marker, K2tog, K1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, P5, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K6, K2tog, K1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, K8, K2tog, K1, turn

Continue working back-and-forth as established: working upto the “gap” and working the two sts on either side of the “gap” together, working one more, then turning.

When your K1 after your K2tog is the last st in the heel, resume knitting in the round.

Knit across instep needle. Then...

Round 1: Needle 1 (heel needle): K2tog, K to end of needle.

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit.

Round 2: Needle 1 (heel needle): K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1.

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit (you should have 24(28,32) sts on heel needle).

Leg

Knit in the round until the cuff is as long as you like (try it on again!). If making socks with a cuff longer than 7 or 8 inches, try on the sock at one-to-two-inch intervals, and work a set of paired increases (such as the paired lifted increase**) when the cuff feels snug.

Cuff

Next round: *K1, P1, rep from * to end of round.

Continue working in 1 x 1 rib until ribbed section of cuff measures 1-3 in. (1 inch for crew socks, 2-3 inches for knee socks).

Bind off, using the [invisible ribbed bind-off](#) or any other stretchy bind-off.



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