

A simple sock whose fun-to-work stitch pattern will have you eager to knit and finished with the pair before you know it. The staggered vertical shapes of the geometric design may be reminiscent of dropping bombs, but it's the siren song of the addictive pattern that will have you heading for the shelter of your knitting chair. A quick pair of socks that's fun to knit? Perfect for any emergency.

Gauge: 8 sts per inch

Size: To snugly fit a foot measuring 8.5"

Materials:

-Fingering weight sock yarn

-Set of 5 DPN's:
US 2/2.75mm

-Tapestry needle

Cuff

Cast on 64 stitches, dividing them evenly between 4 needles. Join into a round, and begin working K2,P2 ribbing. Continue ribbing until cuff measures 1.5" from cast-on edge.

Establish pattern:

Begin working from the chart, repeating

each row 8 times around the sock. After round 16, the stitch pattern starts over at round 1 and repeats. (If you prefer, the written directions for each repeat are included with the chart. Both can be found on page 3.) Continue working the chart until the cuff measures 5.5" from cast-on edge. Make a note of which round of the stitch pattern you ended with.

Heel Flap

Turn the work and purl across the last 32 stitches, working them all onto one needle. The heel flap is worked back and forth on this needle, while the remainder of the stitches wait on "hold" on the other two needles.

Row 1: *Sl1, K1; rep from * to end of needle.

Row 2: Sl1, purl to end of needle.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 an additional 12 times; 27 rows have been worked from beginning of heel flap.



Heel Turn

On the next row, Sl1, K17, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 2: Sl1, P5, p2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3: Sl1, knit to 1 stitch before the “gap” left by the previous row, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 4: Sl1, purl to 1 stitch before the “gap,” p2tog, P1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all the stitches outside of the “gaps” are consumed. After the final purl decrease row, set up for the gusset as follows: Sl1, knit to the midpoint of the heel flap needle, and stop.

Form the Gusset

Using the 5th needle, knit the rest of the heel flap stitches, and continue by picking up stitches up the left side of the heel flap as follows: 1 stitch per slipped edge stitch of the heel flap, and 1 extra stitch in the corner at the top. On the instep needles, work the next row from the chart as usual. Using the spare needle, pick up 1 corner stitch and 1 stitch per slipped edge stitch down the right side of the heel flap, and knit the remaining stitches from the bottom of the heel flap. The center of the sole is now the beginning of the round.

Gusset Shaping

Round 1:

needle 1: Knit to 3 sts before end of needle, k2tog, K1.

needles 2 & 3: Work the next round of the chart as usual.

needle 4: K1, SSK, knit to end of round.

Round 2:

needle 1: Knit all stitches.

needles 2 & 3: Work the next round of the chart as usual.

needle 4: Knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until all the extra gusset stitches on the sole needles have been decreased. (64 stitches total.)

Foot

Repeat round 2 only until the foot measures 2” less than desired total length from the back of the heel to the tip of the toe.

Toe Shaping

Round 1:

needle 1: Knit to 3 sts before end of needle, k2tog, K1.

needle 2: K1, SSK, knit to end of needle.

needle 3: Knit to 3 sts before end of needle, k2tog, K1.

needle 4: K1, SSK, knit to end of needle.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until 8 stitches remain on each needle, and then repeat round 1 only until 4 stitches remain per needle. (16 stitches total) Knit the stitches from needle 1 onto needle 4, and slip the stitches from needle 2 onto needle 3, so that 8 stitches remain on each of two parallel needles, and the working yarn emerges at the end of the row. Leaving a long tail, cut the yarn and thread it through a tapestry needle. Using Kitchener stitch, graft the toe closed, and weave in the yarn ends from the toe and cast-on edge.

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Legend:

- purl
- yo
- / p2tog
- knit

Notes:

Because they are worked in a field of purl stitches, all YO's are to be worked as "yarn 'round needle."

Pattern:

- R1 (RS): p2, yo, p2tog, k4
- R2: p2tog, yo, p2, k4
- R3: p2, yo, p2tog, k4
- R4: p2tog, yo, p2, k4
- R5: p2, yo, p2tog, k4
- R6: p2tog, yo, p2, k4
- R7: p2, yo, p2tog, k4
- R8: p2tog, yo, p2, k4
- R9: k4, p2, yo, p2tog
- R10: k4, p2tog, yo, p2
- R11: k4, p2, yo, p2tog
- R12: k4, p2tog, yo, p2
- R13: k4, p2, yo, p2tog
- R14: k4, p2tog, yo, p2
- R15: k4, p2, yo, p2tog
- R16: k4, p2tog, yo, p2