

Knit across the sts of needle #1. Break off yarn, leaving an approx 12" tail. Place sts of needles #1 and #3 on one needle. There are now 6 sts on each of the two needles, and these will be woven together using kitchener stitch as directed below.

Kitchener stitch is a sewing-type technique for joining two pieces of knitting together to give the finished appearance of having been knit as one continuous piece. Also, the join is absolutely smooth, and of course that's important in real socks! These are instructions for joining 2 pieces of stockinette stitch knitting together, since that is what your toe sts are knit in:

Thread tapestry needle with the yarn end. Hold the knitting needles so one is in front of the other (the WS's of toe sts will be together).

BEGIN by bringing tapestry needle yarn under needles, "sew" into first stitch on front needle as to purl; then bring yarn under needle to back, and "sew" into first st on back needle as to knit.

Repeat the following 4 steps until only the last st remains on each of the front and back needles.

On front needle:

1. "sew" into first stitch as to knit, slip this stitch off needle, and draw up yarn to same tension as in knit pieces
2. "sew" into second stitch as to purl

On back needle:

3. "sew" into first stitch as to purl, slip this stitch off needle, and draw up yarn to same tension as in knit pieces
4. "sew" into second stitch as to knit

END by working steps 1 and 3 only. Bring end through to WS next to the last st joined.

Weave in ends invisibly on WS. Block lightly if necessary.

## Mini-Sock

Truly a sock, but on a miniature scale! Great for learning the basic techniques of sock making with a small investment in time and materials. And you only need to make one (instead of a pair) to be ready to put your finished project to good use as a decoration, gift tag, etc.



**Size** - approximately 4 inches long

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### Yarn and Needles

Sport weight yarn, approximately ¼ ounce (5 - 10 g). Scraps will do nicely!

**Gauge:** Approximately 6 sts per inch

Size US 3 or 4 (3.25 - 3.5 mm) double point knitting needles, set of 4

Tapestry needle (smallest size such that your yarn fits through the needle eye)

### Abbreviations for this pattern

**approx** - approximately

**beg** - beginning

**k** - knit

**1,1 ribbing** - \* k 1, p 1, repeat from \* to end of round

**p** - purl

**sl1-k1-ssso** - slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch

**rep** - repeat

**rnd(s)** - round(s)

**RS** - right side (the knitted fabric worn to the outside)

**sl** - slip

**ssk** - slip 1 as if to knit, 2 times; insert left needle tip into the 2 slipped sts from left to right and k2 tog (note: if you prefer, you can substitute ssk with the more familiar sl1-k1-ssso given above)

**stockinette st** - knit every st

**st(s)** - stitch(es)

**tog** - together

**WS** - wrong side (the knitted fabric worn to the inside)

Caution: Instructions are written assuming you are knitting stitches off your left-hand needle point onto your right-hand needle. If you are working instead from right needle to left needle, please adjust instructions to agree with your direction of work.

### Instructions

Loosely cast on 24 sts to one of the knitting needles. Arrange sts on 3 needles (8 sts on each needle). Join into a round, being careful not to twist sts, and mark beg of the rnd. Work 1,1 ribbing for approx 1". Continuing in the round, work in stockinette st until sock measures approx 2".

### Divide for heel

Place next 12 sts on two needles for top of foot (6 sts on each needle), and remaining 12 sts on one needle for working the heel.

### Heel flap

Turn so WS of sts for the heel face you, and work back and forth on these 12 heel sts only as follows: (this pattern stitch creates what is commonly called "heel stitch", and in serious true-to-life sock-making is frequently used to give

extra cushioning and strength to the heel area — not really a consideration for this play sock!)

Row 1: sl 1, p to end.

Row 2: \* sl 1, k1, rep from \* to end.

Rep these 2 rows three more times.

### Turn heel

Now you will be working a series of "short rows" to fit around the curved base of the heel. In these short rows, as their name implies, you only work across a portion of the row and turn, leaving the remaining sts of the row unworked.

Short Row 1: sl 1, p 6, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Short Row 2: sl 1, k3, ssk, k1, turn.

Short Row 3: sl 1, p4, p2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: sl 1, k5, ssk, k1. There should be 8 sts on the needle now.

### Shape instep

Using the same needle that has the 8 heel sts on it, pick up and knit 4 sts along left edge of heel flap. With another needle, knit across all sts of top of foot, thereby transferring these 12 sts onto one needle. With a third needle, pick up and knit 4 sts along right edge of heel flap, then k first 4 sts of heel onto this same needle. Its best to place a yarn marker at this point, as you are now ready to resume working in the round to form the foot of the sock.

There should be:

8 sts on needle #1 (left side of heel),

12 sts on needle #2 (instep), and

8 sts on needle #3 (right side of heel), and

the yarn marker between needles #1 and #3.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Needle #1 — k to 2 sts before end, k2 tog.

Needle #2 — k across.

Needle #3 —ssk, k across.

Rep these 2 rnds one more times — 24 sts remain.

Continue in stockinette st until foot measures approx 1½ " as measured from the center back of the heel.

### Shape toe

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: Needle #1 — k to 2 sts before end, k2 tog.

Needle #2 — ssk, k to 2 sts before end, k2 tog.

Needle #3 —ssk, k across.

Rep these 2 rnds two more times — 12 sts remain.