

PEPPERMINT STICKS 2



Socks in 2 colors have striped cuffs that continue in a spiral down the leg. The bias knit stripes on the leg allow the sock to be twisted slightly around the ankle for a really nice fit.

Rather than knitting in the round, the cuff/leg is knitted along its length on 2 needles for easy-knitting stripes (you only need to work with one color of yarn at a time), then joined at side seam. You can knit these sock in colors for holidays at any time of the year, in school colors, etc.

Sizing

5 sizes for children through adult extra large. Instructions for smallest size is given first, with each next larger size in the [, ,] brackets. Finished foot circumference without stretching is 6[7,8,9,10]". To choose the size most accurately, measure around widest point on foot of person who willing be wearing the socks. Subtract 10% from this measurement. If this number is between 2 sizes, choose the smaller size for a snugger fit, and the next larger for a looser fit.

Planned length of sock cuff/leg is approximately 5[6,7,7,7]". Foot length is adjustable to specific measurements of wearer. If you are making adjustments for especially long feet, you may need more yarn than specified below.

Yarn and Needles

Sport or DK weight yarn (approximately 13 - 14 wraps per inch) in two colors:

Color A - 100[135,170,200,230] yards (shown as red in picture)

Color B - 125[170,225,250,275] yards (shown as dark green in picture)

Size 2 us (3.0 mm) set of 4 or 5 double point needles, or size to give gauge

Pair of single point needles in same size as double point needles (note: you can just use two of your double point needles if they are long enough to hold all stitches of the striped cuff/leg portion that is knitted side-to-side)

Gauge: 6½ stitches per inch over stockinette stitch

2 - 3 yards of smooth, firmly twisted yarn in contrast to color A for the provisional cast on. This can be any extra thread or yarn you have on hand of about the same thickness as the yarn you are using for your socks. This yarn is only temporary, and is used to begin the cast on in such a way that the loops are left without a bound edge. The loops will be picked up later for joining the beginning and end of the side-to-side knitting for cuff/leg .

Crochet hook - can be any size that is approximately equivalent to the knitting needle size you will use (just compare the shank on the crochet hook to your knitting needle; if it is close, it can be used).

Tapestry needle or other blunt-tipped needle.

Skill Level: Intermediate