

Round round baby go round



This pattern is good for both beginners and experienced knitters. Beginners might need the pattern to lead them through every step of the construction of the sock. This pattern will guide them and give them an alternative for a complete stockinette sock. Experienced knitters, on the other hand, might like the pattern for easy knitting in front of the TV and might only look at the stitch pattern to know enough. Cuff, heel and toe are easy to replace.

Yarn: **fingering weight yarn** (I used Regia 4ply, but you might want to use a slightly heavier yarn like Cherry Tree Hill or Lorna's Laces if you like your socks knit with a tighter fabric. Mine were a bit loose. You could also go for a tighter gauge and more stitches.)

Gauge: **8 SPI**

Needles: I got gauge on 2,5 mm needles and used 5 double pointed needles

Abbreviations:

DPN double pointed needle
Ktbl knit through back loop (instead of front loop)
K knit
P purl
YO yarn over
K2tog knit two together
Sl slip stitch as if to purl
SSK Slip two stitches as if to knit, stick left needle through the front loop of the two slipped stitches and knit them together.

Cuff:

Cast-on 60 stitches. To ensure that your cuff doesn't have a tight cast-on edge, you might want to cast-on on two needles held together. Divide the stitches as follows:

Needle 1: 16 stitches

Needle 2: 14 stitches

Needle 3: 16 stitches

Needle 4: 14 stitches

Join in the round and follow the cuff-pattern for one 1 inch, or desired length.

Cuff pattern:

Row 1: *K1tbl, P, repeat from *

Leg

Rearrange the number of stitches on the needles so you'll have 15 stitches on each needle.

Row1: *K2tog, Yo, K13, * repeat on each needle
Row 2: *Knit the whole row (repeat this row on every even row)
Row 3: *K1, K2tog, Yo, K12, * repeat on each needle
Row 5: *K2, K2tog, Yo, K11, * repeat on each needle
Row 7: *K3, K2tog, Yo, K10, * repeat on each needle
Row 9: *K4, K2tog, Yo, K9, * repeat on each needle
Row 11:*K5, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 13:*K6, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 15:*K7, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 17:*K8, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 19:*K9, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 21:*K10, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 23:*K11, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 25:*K12, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 27:*K13, K2tog, Yo, * repeat on each needle
Row 29 *K14, K last stitch of needle together with the first stitch of the next needle, YO on next needle. , * repeat on each needle

I did this pattern twice. The second time you do this pattern, however, the starting point of the pattern is on the second needle because the first spiral of the first set of eyelets has spiraled to needle two. So before you start a second repeat, you first have to knit 14 stitches. Needle 2 will be needle 1, needle 3 becomes needle 2, needle 4 becomes needle 3 and needle 1 is then needle 4.

Heelflap

You'll be doing the heelflap on half of the total number of stitches, in this case that's 30 stitches. The other stitches will form the instep of the sock. Turn your work. The first row will be made on the purl or wrong side of you sock.

Row 1 (WS): sl1, p29, turn

Row 2 (RS): * sl1, K1, *repeat this until all heel flap stitches are worked

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for a total of 30 rows.

Heelturn

Row 1: sl1, P16, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 2: sl1, K5, SSK, K1, turn

Row 3: sl1, P6, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 4: sl1, K7, SSK, K1, turn

Row 5: sl1, P8, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 6: sl1, K9, SSK, K1, turn

Row 7: sl1, P10, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 8: sl1, K11, SSK, K1, turn

Row 9:sl1, P12, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 10: sl1, K13, SSK, K1, turn

Row 11: sl1, P14, P2tog, P1, turn

Row 12: sl1, K15, P2tog, P1, turn

18 stitches left on heelflap needle(s)

Picking up gusset stitches

(experienced knitters might not need this part)

For beginners this is a tricky part, or at least, I had some trouble when the first pattern I was following told me to pick up stitches. What does it mean to pick up stitches? How does one do that? It's hard to explain with words, but on the website www.socknitters.com/lessons/gusset.html there's an excellent tutorial on how to do this. You need to pick up at least 15 stitches (underneath the slipped stitches) +2 (to close a gap between gusset and instep) on each side. Don't worry if you've picked up more stitches. In the end you won't notice the difference. Continue with the leg pattern on the instep needles. The instep needles will now be needles 2 and 3, the gusset needles will be needles 1 and 4.

Gusset Decreases

Row 1: Nld 1: Knit until the last two stitches of needle 1, SSK,

Nld: 2 & 3: continue leg pattern

Nld: 4: K2tog, K rest of needle

Row 2: Nld: 1: Knit until last three stitches, k2tog, k1

Nld 2&3: continue leg pattern

Nld 4: K1, SSK, K rest of needle

Row 3: Nld 1&4: knit, Nld 2 &3: continue pattern

Repeat rows 2 and three until you have a total of 60 stitches again.

When you get to pattern repeat number 29 things can get a bit confusing. There are three things you can do. First, you could knit the last stitch of needle three together with the first stitch of needle 4 put the k2tog on needle 3 and the yo on needle 4. Or you could knit the last stitch of needle 1 together with the first stitch of needle 2, put the k2tog on needle 1 and the yo on needle 3. Another possibility is to do both. Just be sure to put the yo's and k2tog on the right needles.

Foot

Knit on needles 1 and 4, follow the leg pattern for needles 2 & 3. The foot should be the total foot length minus 2 inches for the toe measured from the back to the front.

Toe

Knit the stitches on needle 1. Renumber the stitches: needle 2 is needle 1, needle 3 is needle 2 etc.

Row 1: ndl1 k1, k2tog, k remaining stitches on needle

ndl2, k to last 3 stitches on needle, SSK, k1

ndl3, k1, k2tog, k remaining stitches on needle

ndl4 k to last 3 stitches on needle, SSK, k1

Row2: knit

Repeat these two rows until you have 8 stitches per needle left. Then repeat row 1 until you have 4 stitches per needle. Kitcheneer the toe (see the article on Knitty:

<http://www.knitty.com/issusummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>).