

Ampersand



This top down sock works well for hand painted and variegated yarns. The ribbing at the sides adds a bit of stretch to help with the fit.

The instructions here are for knitting these socks on two circulars.

Materials:

Two pairs US size 3 circular needles, 24 inch

A spare DPN in US size 3
(Or size to obtain gauge.)

Yarn: Socks That Rock, Medium Weight; Color: "Jingle Bell Rock"

Gauge: 27 stitches = 4" in pattern, slightly stretched.

Sizes: Circumference at ankle, 8" slightly stretched.

Leg

Cast on 54 stitches. Place 27 stitches on each needle. Join and knit 1x1 rib, in the round for 3/4".

Begin working in pattern, starting with row 1 of chart. Work chart until leg measures 4" or desired length.

Shape Heel

The heel flap is worked flat on needle 1.

Row 1: *Slip 1, k1 repeat from * to 1 stitch from end, k1.

Row 2: Slip1, purl to end of row.

Row 3: Slip1, * sl.1, k1, repeat from * to end.

Row 4: Slip1, purl to end of row.

Repeat these 4 rows for 2.25" to form heel flap. Ending with a wrong side row.

Turn heel.

Next row (RS): Slip1, k 14, k2tog, k1.

Turn work, slip1, purl 5, purl 2 tog, purl 1. Turn work, slip1 k6, k2tog, k1.

Turn work, slip1 p7, p2tog, p1.

Continue in this way, increasing the knit or purl stitches by one each row until all stitches are used. End on a right side row.

Form Gusset

Continuing on right side of work, and using needle 1, pick up and knit 16 stitches along edge of heel flap.

Work in pattern along needle 2.

Using a spare DPN, pick up and knit 16 stitches along second side of heel flap. Keep these stitches on DPN for now. Knit across needle 1.

Work in pattern across needle 2. At this point, you may transfer stitches from DPN onto needle 1. With transferred stitches now on needle 1, k1 ssk, knit to 3 stitches from end of needle 1, k2tog, k1. Continue in this way, decreasing at beginning and end of needle 1, every other round, and working pattern on needle 2, until 27 stitches remain on needle 1.

Continue foot of sock

Knit in pattern across needle 2 and in plain stockingette across needle 1

until sock is 2" less than desired finished foot length.

Begin toe shaping.

Toe shaping is the same for needles 1 and 2. First round, beginning with needle 1, k1, ssk, knit to 3 stitches from end of needle 1, k2 tog, k1. Needle 2 k1, ssk, knit to 3 stitches from end of needle 2, k2tog, k1. Next round, knit. Next round, knit as first round of toe decreases. Continue alternating decrease rounds with plain knit rounds until 13 stitches remain on each needle. Repeat decrease round for each of the next 3 rounds, until 7 stitches remain on each needle.

Finishing

Graft toe and weave in all ends.

Don't forget to knit your second sock!!!

Enjoy.

CHART

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Key to symbols

Knit all blank spaces

- Purl

\ Slip, slip, knit

/ Knit two together

M M Make one by knitting into front and back of the stitch. Note that this occupies two spaces on the chart.