

Burning Ring(s) of Fire

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For Through the Loops!



The Burning Ring(s) of Fire socks were designed to show off handpainted and variegated yarns to their best advantage. The simple rib pattern, embellished with rings of knit and purl stitches at the cuff, lets the beauty of your yarn shine. Don't feel like you need to limit these to multi-colored yarns, they will look great in solids too!

As you work on these lovelies, be sure to have a little Johnny Cash playing in the background!

Materials:

Two pairs US size 1 circular needles, 24 inch.
Spare DPN in US size 1 (or size to obtain gauge.)
Tapestry needle.

Yarn: Pigeonroof Studios Superwash Merino Sock (100% Superwash Merino), Colorway: Pink Lady. 2 Skeins.

Gauge: 30 stitches = 4”(10cm) in stitch pattern

Finished Measurement: 8 (9)” (20 cm) circumference at leg and foot.

INSTRUCTIONS**Cuff & Leg**

Cast on 60(68) stitches. Place 30(34) stitches on each needle.

Join and work in 2x2 rib for 16 rounds.

Next 4 rounds: Knit

Next 4 rounds: Purl

Repeat these two rounds 2 more times.

Next 4 rounds: Knit

Work in 2x2 rib for 30 rounds.

Heel Flap

Work back and forth on needle one only.

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

Row 2: Turn work. Slip 1, purl to end.

Repeat these 2 rows for 2.5” to form heel flap. End with a wrong side row.

Turn Heel

Next row (right side): Slip 1, k15(17), k2tog, k1.

Next row: Turn work. Slip1, p5, purl 2 tog, p1

Next row: Turn work. Slip1, k6, k2tog, k1

Next row: Turn work. Slip1, p7, p2tog, p1

Continue in this way, increasing the center 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 one stitch in each slipped stitch along the edge of the heel flap.

Work in 2x2 rib across needle 2.

Using a spare DPN, pick up and knit one stitch in each slipped stitch along the second side of the heel flap. Keep these stitches on DPN for now.

Knit across needle 1 (sole stitches).

Work in 2x2 rib across needle 2. At this point, you may transfer stitches from DPN onto needle 1.

Gusset Decreases:

Round 1: Knit 1, ssk, knit to 3 stitches from end of needle 1, k2tog, k1. Work 2x2 rib across needle 2.

Round 2: Knit across needle 1. Work in 2x2 rib across needle 2.

Repeat these two rounds, until 30(34) stitches remain on needle 1.

Continue With Foot of Sock

Continue working in plain stockinette across needle 1 and in 2x2 rib across needle 2 until the foot of the sock measures 1.5" less than desired foot length.

Begin Toe Shaping

Toe shaping is the same for needles 1 and 2.

Round 1: 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.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat these two rounds until 12(14) stitches remain on each needle. Knit decrease round (round 1) for each round, until 8 stitches remain on each needle.

Finishing.

Graft toe and weave in all ends.