

Instructions:

Holding two size 3 dpns together, cast on 49 sts. Carefully remove one needle and transfer sts to a 12-inch circular needle (or divide equally on four dpns). Join, making sure not to twist. P1, *k2, p2,* repeat between * to last 2 sts, p1, pm, p last st tog with first st of second round. (This will close the little gap you get when knitting circularly.)

Work 11 more rounds of k2, p2, ribbing (12 rounds total), beginning and ending each round with a p1.

Begin pattern; work four pattern repeats plus round 1. Work 47 stitches of round 2. Move your beginning of round marker to this point. (66 rounds)

Heel:

Many thanks to Claudia Krisniski of Countrywool (<http://www.countrywool.com>) for her inspiration in knitting short-row heels and her permission to rephrase her directions here. Her clear and concise instructions can be found on her website in the pattern for the Children in Common socks. I hope you'll find time to make a pair of socks for this wonderful organization. Apologies if my version of Claudia's heel is unclear; the fault is entirely mine, not hers.

Place another marker in a different color after the 26th st on your needle. In other words, you will have 26 sts between the BOR marker and the one you just added. You will be working a short-row heel on these 26 sts.

- Round 1 (RS): p1, k24, SRW, turn
- Round 2 (WS): p24, SRW, turn
- Round 3 (RS): k23, SRW, turn
- Round 4 (WS): p22, SRW, turn
- Round 5 (RS): k21, SRW, turn
- Round 6 (WS): p20, SRW, turn
- Round 7 (RS): k19, SRW, turn
- Round 8 (WS): p18, SRW, turn
- Round 9 (RS): k17, SRW, turn
- Round 10 (WS): p16, SRW, turn
- Round 11 (RS): k15, SRW, turn
- Round 12 (WS): p14, SRW, turn
- Round 13 (RS): k13, SRW, turn
- Round 14 (WS): p12, SRW, turn
- Round 15 (RS): k11, SRW, turn
- Round 16 (WS): p10, SRW, turn
- Round 17 (RS): k9, SRW, turn
- Round 18 (WS): p8, SRW, turn

Turn Heel:

Next round: K8, pm #3 (a different color or a loop of yarn), k next 8 st, p1, picking up and knitting the wraps as you come to them (explained in Notes); pu one st between the next two sts from the round below, twisting it as you place it on the right needle; sl left heel marker, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, yo, k2, ssk, k2, sl right heel marker; pu one st between the next two sts from the round below, twisting it as you place it on the right needle; p1, picking up wrap; k8, picking up wraps. Knit across 8 heel sts to marker #3.

Next round: K8, p2, slip left heel marker, k6, p2, k6, p2, k6, slip right heel marker, p2, k16. Remove marker #3.

Reverse Heel Shaping: (Remember to pick up wraps!)

- Round 1 (RS): SRW the next stitch, turn work.
- Round 2 (WS): p8, SRW, turn
- Round 3 (RS): k 9, SRW, turn
- Round 4 (WS): p10, SRW, turn
- Round 5 (RS): k 11, SRW, turn
- Round 6 (WS): p12, SRW, turn
- Round 7 (RS): k 13, SRW, turn
- Round 8 (WS): p14, SRW, turn
- Round 9 (RS): k 15, SRW, turn
- Round 10 (WS): p16, SRW, turn
- Round 11 (RS): k 17, SRW, turn
- Round 12 (WS): p18, SRW, turn
- Round 13 (RS): k 19, SRW, turn
- Round 14 (WS): p20, SRW, turn
- Round 15 (RS): k 21, SRW, turn
- Round 16 (WS): p22, SRW, turn
- Round 17 (RS): k 23, SRW, turn
- Round 18 (WS): p24, SRW, turn

Next round: K24, move marker to this point of the round; p2tog, making sure to pu the wrap in the first stitch; [k1, yo, k2, ssk, k1, p2] two times, k1, yo, k2, ssk, k1, remove marker; p2tog, picking up wrap in second stitch; replace marker.

Foot:

K24 across bottom of foot, sm, continue in pattern across 24 instep sts, beginning and ending pattern section with a purl st. You should be on round 6 of the 16-round pattern repeat.

Continue to knit around in this manner until foot is two inches less than desired length, ending with either round 2 or round 10 of pattern chart.

Toe:

Divide your 48 sts evenly on four dpns. Begin round at center back of sock.

Round 1: On first needle, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on second needle, k1, ssk, knit to end; on third needle, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on fourth needle, k1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit around.

Continue alternating these two rounds until you have 16 stitches total remaining, 4 on each needle. Knit across 4 sts on second needle (8 stitches on first needle). Slip sts from fourth needle to third needle (8 stitches on third needle). Weave, graft or kitchener stitch the toe sts together.

Make second sock.

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