

Chicken Tracks Socks

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A fun & easy knit, the socks are worked in the round from the top down, beginning with a 2x2 rib cuff. The leg is worked in an easily memorized pattern, which adds texture & interest to the leg whether you are using a solid colored yarn or a variegated one.

Materials

Yarn weight:



Yarn used: Merino/Silk Fingering
from Rolling E Ranch

- 1 skein (440 yds / 402 m) (3.7 oz / 106 g) in colorway The Raggeds

Tools:

- Needles: (4) 2.75mm or size required for gauge.
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Size: Woman's medium (shoe size 6-9)

Gauge:

7.5 sts = 1" in stockinette.

Stitches and Abbreviations used:

() - Repeat sts between () as directed

CO - Cast on

Dpn - Double pointed needle

Foll(s) - Follow(s)

K - Knit

K2tog – Knit 2 stitches together as one

PU - Pick up

Rep - Repeat

Rnd - Round

Sl - Slip all sts as if to purl

St(s) - Stitch(es)

Yb - Yarn back

Yf - Yarn forward

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Stitch Guide

Double Woven pattern:

Rnds 1 & 3: Knit. **Rnd 2:** (Yf, sl2, yb, k2) rep to end. **Rnd 4:** (k2, yf, sl2, yb) repeat to end.

Leg:

CO 60 sts, divide evenly over 3 dpns, place marker, join, & work 1 ½" in k2, p2 rib.

Work Double Woven pattern (see stitch guide) until piece measures 7 ½" from beg, end with rnd 4.

Heel flap:

Rearrange sts so that you have 30 sts on dpn1, & 15 on dpns2 & 3.

R1 (RS): (Sl1, k1) repeat to end.

R2: Sl1, p to end.

Rep rows 1 & 2 until heel flap measures 2".

Turn heel:

Cont to work the 30 sts on dpn1 as foll:

R1 (RS): Sl1, k16, k2tog, k1, turn.

R2: Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

R3: Sl1, k6, k2tog, k1, turn.

R4: Sl1, p7, p2tog, p1 turn.

R5: Sl1, k8, k2tog, k1, turn.

R6: Sl1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn.

R7: Sl1, k10, k2tog, k1, turn.

R8: Sl1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn.

R9: Sl1, k12, k2tog, k1, turn.

R10: Sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn.

R11: Sl1, k14, k2tog, k1, turn.

R12: Sl1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn.

18 heel sts remain

Gusset:

With right side facing & dpn1, k18 heel sts then pu and k16 sts along side of heel flap.

Dpn2, continue Double Woven pattern rnd 1 (k all sts) over the next 30 sts. **Note:** *These 30 sts are the instep & will continue in pattern until the toe is reached.*

Dpn3, pu and k16 sts along side of heel flap, then k9 heel sts - 80 sts. Beg of rnd is at center of heel. Place marker.

Dpns1 & 2 now hold 25 sts & dpn2 holds 30.

Rnd 1: Dpn1, k across; dpn2 cont Double Woven pattern across; dpn3 k across.

Rnd 2: Dpn1, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; dpn2, cont Double Woven pattern across; dpn3, k1, ssk, k to end - 2 sts decreased.

Rep rnds 1 & 2 until 60 sts remain.

Dpns1 & 3 now hold 15 sts, & dpn2 holds 30.

Foot:

Work even until piece measures approx. 7" from back of heel, or 2" less than desired foot measurement.

Toe:

At this point, you can either continue the Double Woven pattern, or switch to stockinette stitch.

Rnd 1: Dpn1, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; dpn2, k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; dpn3, k1, ssk, k to end - 4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Work even.

Rep rnds 1 & 2 until 24 sts remain: dpn1 & 3 each hold 6 sts & dpn2 has 12. Use dpn3 to k across to end of dpn1 sts. Break off yarn leaving tail long enough to complete toe grafting.

Graft toe:

Using your tapestry needle, work the Kitchener stitch as follows :

1. Thread tapestry needle. Make sure both dpns are parallel & threaded tail is on the right.
2. Insert needle purlwise through 1st st on front dpn; leave st on dpn.
Insert needle knitwise through 1st st on back dpn; leave st on dpn.
3. Insert needle knitwise through 1st st on front dpn; sl st off dpn.
Insert needle purlwise through next st on front dpn; leave st on dpn.
Insert needle purlwise through first st on back dpn; sl st off dpn.
Insert needle knitwise through next st on back dpn; leave st on dpn.
Rep step 3 until 2 sts remain, 1 st on each dpn.
4. When 2 sts remain, insert needle knitwise through st on front dpn; sl st off needle. Insert needle purlwise through st on back needle; sl st off needle. Tug slightly.