



Cherry Swirl Socks

Fibre: 115 grams Somoko
(65% Merino, 20% Kid, 10% Nylon, 5% Silk)

Needles: Set of 5 dpns, size 2.5mm

Gauge: 32st/4" (st st)

Size: Foot circumference: 8"
Foot length: 9 1/2"
Leg circumference: 6 1/2"
Leg length (too top of heel): 5"

Glossary:

dpn double pointed needles

k knit

k2tog knit two stitches together

LT knit into the back of the second stitch of the left needle, slip the first st purlwise onto the right hand needle and drop the second stitch off the left dpn.

p purl

p2tog purl 2 stitches together

rpt repeat

sl1 slip one stitch purlwise

ssk slip the next 2 stitches individually as if to knit. Replace on left-hand needle and knit 2 together through back loops

st st stocking stitch

PATTERN:

Cast on 64 stitches and divide evenly over 4 needles (pattern is a multiple of 8 sts)

Rnd 1 (and all odd rnds): *k7, p1; rpt from *

Rnd 2: *LT, k5, p1; rpt from * around

Rnd 4: *k1, LT, k4, p1; rpt from * around

Rnd 6: *k2, LT, k3, p1; rpt from * around

Rnd 8: *k3, LT, k2, p1; rpt from * around

Rnd 10: *k4, LT, k1, p1; rpt from * around

Rnd 12: *k5, LT, p1; rpt from * around

Repeat these 12 rnds 4 more times.

HEEL FLAP:

K16 sts from the first needle, turn, purl back and P16 sts from the fourth needle. Rearrange stitches on needles so that these 32 heel fl ap stitches are on one needle, and the remaining 32 instep stitches are divided evenly on 2 needles, or held with waste yarn. With the 32 heel fl ap stitches only, work as follows:

Row 1: *Sl1, k1*, repeat from * to * across.

Row 2: Sl1, p remaining sts across

Repeat these 2 rows until there are 16 "chain stitches" (the slipped end stitches) up the sides of the heel fl ap. End having just completed row 1.

Turning the Heel

Row 1: sl1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: sl1, k4, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 3: sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 5: sl1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 6: sl1, k8, ssk, k1, turn

Row 7: sl1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 8: sl1, k10, ssk, k1, turn

Row 9: sl1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 10: sl1, k12, ssk, k1, turn

Row 11: sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 12: sl1, k14, ssk, k1, turn

Row 13: sl1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 14: sl1, k16, ssk, k1, do not turn. 18 sts

Pick up and knit 17 sts along heel fl ap. Pattern across instep stitches beginning with pattern rnd 1. Pick up and knit 17 sts along other side of heel fl ap. Knit plain across bottom of heel.

INSTEP/FOOT

Divide sts as follows:

Needle 1 (beg of rnd) 9 sts from bottom of heel + 17 sts picked up from side of heel fl ap

Needle 2 16 sts of instep

Needle 3 16 sts of instep

Needle 4 17 sts picked up from side of heel fl ap + 9 sts from bottom of heel

Rnd 1: Keeping continuity of pattern on 32 instep stitches and remainder of sts in st st, k around.

Rnd 2: k to last 3 sts of first needle, k2tog, k1, pattern across needle 2 and 3, K1, ssk, k to end of needle 4

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 until there are 64 sts in total in the rnd.

Continue, omitting the decreases, until foot is 1 1/2" short of total desired length measured from the heel (8").

TOE SHAPING

Rnd 1: 1st needle: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2nd needle: k1, ssk, k across

3rd needle: as first needle

4th needle: as 2nd needle

Rnd 2: k across all needles

Repeat these two rounds until there are 8 sts on each needle (32 sts in total), finishing the last round at the end of the 1st needle in order to have working yarn placed for grafting toe sts together.

Finishing: Graft toe stitches together. Weave in ends.

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