

Giles Wavy Socks



Gauge: 31 sts and 44 rows = 4 inches

Needles: 1 or equivalent

Size: Ladies small

Wavy Pattern Stitch: Multiple of 11 stitches, worked in the round.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: (P2 tog) twice * (M1, K1) 3 times, M1, (P2 tog) 4 times. Repeat from *, ending P2 tog twice.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat these 4 rows.



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Sock cuff.

Cast on 66 stitches on one circular needle. Move 33 of these stitches to a second circular. Use your favorite trick to minimize the jag. (I switch the first cast on stitch with the last cast on stitch, which will be at the ends of the two needles.)

Work in pattern stitch for 6 inches or desired length to heel, ending at the end of a pattern repeat.

Heel flap.

Take the 33 stitches that are on one of your circular needles, and begin working Eye of Partridge stitch on them, working back and forth. On an uneven number of stitches, this will mean:

Row 1: (S1, K1) repeat, ending K2.

Row 2: S1, purl to end (just slip the first stitch).

Row 3: S1, K1, (K1, S1), repeat, ending K1.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Work these 4 rows seven times, for a total of 28 rows.

Turn heel.

Row 1: K18, SSK, K1, turn. (12 stitches left unworked on this end)

Row 2: S1, P4, P2 tog, P1, turn. (12 stitches left unworked on this side too).

Row 3: S1, K until there is one stitch left before the gap. SSK (stitch before and after gap), K1, turn.

Row 4: S1, P until there is one stitch left before the gap. Purl this together with the stitch after the gap, P1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all heel stitches have been used up.

Knit across remaining heel stitches (19 Stitches).

Pick up 15 stitches along left side of heel using the same needle you have been working with. Pick up one stitch in each slipped stitch, plus another at the end to avoid holes.

Now go back to the 33 stitches that have been waiting all this time on your other circular needle and continue the pattern. You are ready for row 1 of the pattern stitch.

When you get back to your original circular needle, you will need to pick up 15 stitches along the right side of the heel. Note that when you are picking up these stitches, you are using the empty end of the needle that has the heel stitches on it. The last of your picked-up stitches will be next to your existing heel stitches. Now knit across the 34 stitches remaining on this needle. This leaves you with 49 stitches on the needle.

Gusset and foot.

Continue working pattern across the instep stitches.

Work sole stitches as K1, SSK, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining on the needle, K2 tog, K1. Repeat this decrease row every other row 7 more times. You should have 33 stitches on your sole needle, for a total of 66 stitches again. Work even until the length of the foot (including heel, measured on sole) is 6 ¼ inches, or desired length to start of toe. Note that the toe described here is long and tapered – it takes 2 ¾ inches at the specified row gauge. If you would prefer a less tapered toe, you can continue in pattern longer before beginning it.

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Toe.

Starting with instep stitches, work the first decrease row.

Dec row 1: K9, K2 tog around.

Knit 1 row even.

Dec row 2: K8, K2 tog around.

Knit 4 rows even.

Dec row 3: K7, K2tog around.

Knit 4 rows even.

Dec row 4: K6, K2 tog around.

Knit 3 rows even.

Dec row 5: K5, K2tog around.

Knit 3 rows even.

Dec row 6: K4, K2 tog around.

Knit 2 rows even.

Dec row 7: K3, K2tog around.

Knit 2 rows even.

Dec row 8: K2, K2 tog around.

Knit 1 row even.

Dec row 9: K1, K2 tog around.

Knit 1 row even.

Dec row 10: K2 tog around.

Run thread through remaining 6 stitches twice and fasten securely.