

Circle Socks

Yarn: Fingering weight. I used Twisted Fiber Art Ariel

Needles: Size 1 or size needed to get gauge

Gauge: 34 sts to 4 inches (8.5 sts/in)

Size: Women's Small/Medium (7.5 inches in diameter – pattern is quite stretchy)

Pattern Stitch: (Multiple of 8 stitches)

Rows 1-3: Purl.

Rows 4-10: K3, slip 2 stitches purlwise with yarn at back, K3.

Rows 11-13: Purl

Rows 14-20: slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn at back, K6, slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn at back



Leg

Cast on 64 stitches and join for working in the round.

Work 5 repeats followed by an extra rounds 1-3. (This works out to around 7 inches as I knit. You can make this any length desired, but you will want to end with three purl rounds.)

Heel (Eye of Partridge)

Work back and forth on 32 stitches.

Row 1: (Sl 1, K1) repeated across.

Row 2: Sl1, purl remaining stitches.

Row 3: Sl1, K1, (K1, Sl 1) until two stitches remain, K2.

Row 4: Sl1, purl remaining stitches.

Repeat these 4 rows until heel flap measures 2 ¼ inches or desired length.

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, K17, SSK, K1, turn (11 stitches remain unworked)

Row 2: Sl 1, P5, P2 tog, P1 turn (11 stitches remain unworked)

Next row: Sl1, knit until 1 stitch remains before the gap (6 stitches for the first time you do this). SSK (combining the stitch before the gap with the stitch after the gap), K1, turn.

Following row: Sl1, purl until 1 stitch remains before the gap (7 stitches first). P2tog, P1, turn.

Repeat these two rows until you have used up all the heel stitches. The last two rows will end with SSK and P2 tog. You will have a total of 18 stitches.

Now you are ready to start working in the round again.

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Gusset

Knit across heel stitches. Pick up 1 stitch in each slipped stitch along the left side of the heel. I usually pick up one more stitch in the corner to help prevent holes. Knit across instep stitches (or you can continue the pattern stitch here if you think the cushy-ness won't bother you.) Using a heel needle, pick up a stitch in the corner, then one stitch in each slipped stitch along the right edge of the heel. Knit across remaining heel stitches.

Next row: K1, SSK, knit to end of heel stitches, K2 tog, K1.

Next row: Knit across.

Repeat these two rows until you have 32 stitches on the heel.

When you have at least a couple of inches of stockinette on your needle, determine your row gauge by measuring two inches, counting the number of rows, and dividing by two. My row gauge was 11 rows per inch, but row gauges do not necessarily match stitch gauges, so you should get your own.

Knit even until your foot length is the desired length less room for the toe. This toe will take 19 rows. Thus, with a row gauge of 11 rows per inch, I divide 19 by 11 and determine that I should leave $1\frac{3}{4}$ " for the toe. Since my desired foot length is $9\frac{1}{4}$ ", I started the toe when the foot length was $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Toe (Modified Star Toe)

(K6, K2 tog) 8 times.

Knit 3 rows.

(K5, K2 tog) 8 times.

Knit 3 rows.

(K4, K2 tog) 8 times.

Knit 2 rows.

(K3, K2tog) 8 times.

Knit 2 rows.

(K2, K2 tog) 8 times.

Knit 1 row.

(K1, K2 tog) 8 times.

Knit 1 row.

K2 tog 8 times.

Pass yarn through remaining 8 stitches twice, then turn inside out and fasten firmly. This is not a fastening that you want to have come undone! Work in other end.