



Sweetie Pie Socks

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Cute and sassy with a touch of easy lace, the Sweetie Pie socks are worked top down with a picot edge on the cuff. With an easily memorized pattern, these socks will knit up quickly, making them a great gift idea or a nice way to pamper yourself during the busy holiday season.

Size: Average Woman's.

Gauge: 8sts. = 1" in Stockinette Stitch worked in the round.

Yarn: 2 skeins of Crystal Palace Panda Cotton (182yds/50grms of 59% Bamboo – 25% Cotton – 16% Elastic Nylon). Sample was knit in Lacquer Red. These socks would also work up beautifully in Crystal Palace's Maizy or Panda Soy.

Needles: Set of 4 or 5 US size 1 ½ (2.5mm) dpns

Special Stitch Pattern: Lacy Eyelet Rib

Round 1: *P2, K2tog, Yo, K1, Yo, SSK* repeat across round.

Round 2: *P2, K5* repeat across round.

Round 3: Repeat Round 2.

Round 4: Repeat Round 2.

Abbreviations:

- S – Slip, K – Knit, P – Purl, K2tog – Knit 2 stitches together, P2tog – Purl 2 stitches together, sts. – Stitches, N – Needle, CO – Cast On, SSK - Slip, slip, knit.

Instructions

Cuff and Leg

- CO 56 sts. and join for working in the round.
- Work 4 rounds of stockinette stitch.
- Next round - *Yo, K2tog* repeat across round.
- Work 7 rounds of stockinette stitch.
- Begin working Lacy Eyelet Rib pattern, working until leg is desired length. In the sock pictured, 10 repeats were worked. End with round 4 of repeat.

Heel Flap

- Knit 30 stitches on one needle.

- Purl these 30 stitches. These are your heel stitches, ignore the remaining stitches for now.
- Row 1 of heel: *Sl 1, K1* repeat across row.
- Row 2 of heel: Sl 1, P across row.
- Repeat these 2 rows 13 more times.

Turning the Heel

- K18, SSK, K1, turn.
- Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn.
- Sl 1, knit to one stitch before gap, SSK, K1, turn.
- Sl 1, purl to one stitch before gap, P2tog, P1, turn.
- Repeat these last two rows until all heel stitches have been worked. You should have 18 stitches left.

Picking up Gusset Stitches

- Knit across heel stitches. With the same needle (which will now be called N1), PU 16 stitches along heel flap.
- Instep Stitches (worked on another needle now called N2): K5, P2, work lace section as established, P2, work lace section as established, P2, K5. You will notice that only the two center lace panels will continue down the foot, the other two will now be worked in stockinette.
- With another needle (which will now be called N3), PU 16 stitches along the other side of the heel flap.
- K9 stitches from N1 onto N3.
- You should have 25 stitches on both N1 and N3 and 26 stitches on N2.

Gusset

- Round 1
 - N1: K to last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1.
 - N2: Work instep stitches as established.
 - N3: K1, SSK, K to end of round.
- Round 2
 - N1: K
 - N2: Work instep stitches as established
 - N3: K
- Repeat rounds one and two 9 more times. You should now have 15 stitches on both N1 and N3 and 26 stitches on N2.

Foot

- N1: K
N2: Work instep stitches as established
N3: K
- Continue to work N1 and N3 in stockinette and the instep stitches as established until foot is 1 ½" less than desired length.

Toe

- Round 1 (decreases)
 - N1: K to last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1.
 - N2: K1, SSK, K to last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1.
 - N3: K1, SSK, K to end of round.
- Round 2: Knit across entire round.
- Repeat these two rounds 6 more times.
- Next round: Work decreases on N1 and N3 only, knit the stitches on N2.
- Next round: K across round.
- Next round: Work decreases on N1 and N3 only, knit the stitches on N2.
- You should now have 6 stitches on both N1 and N3 and 12 stitches on N2.
- K stitches from N1 onto N3.
- Graft toe using Kitchener stitch.

- Picot cuff finishing: Fold CO edge down to the inside of the sock so that the picot points are all even. Stitch down CO edge using whipstitch.
- Weave in all ends.
- Repeat for second sock.
- Strut around in your sassy new Sweetie Pie socks!



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