

Picot-Edged Baby Socks

design notes

needed:

all sizes:

1/2 yd 1/4" - 3/8" satin ribbon

small preemie (med in parenthesis)

2.00 mm dpns (US 0)

baby yarn:

MC: 1/4 ounce

CC: 5 yards

gauge: 19 sts/25 row = 5 cm (2")

lg preemie (newborn in parenthesis)

2.25 mm dpns (US 1)

fingering-weight yarn:

MC: 1/4 ounce

CC: 5 yards

gauge: 15 sts/20 row = 5 cm (2")

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

ndl(s): needle(s)

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together as one

rnd(s): round(s)

sl X: slip X stitch(es), purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops

st(s): stitch(es)

instructions:

using a provisional cast on, create 24 (32) stitches with MC and divide onto 3 needles as follows joining to form a circle.

sm/med: ndl1: 8, ndl 2: 8, ndl 3: 8

lg/newborn: ndl1: 10, ndl 2: 10, ndl 3: 12

○ k five rnds

○ *k2tog, yo. repeat from * around

○ k five rounds,

○ remove provisional anchor, transferring the stitches to an empty dpn a needle's-worth at a time (8 or 10 stitches, depending on size)

○ fold over the newly picked up stitches and needle to the inside and hold needle parallel to the needle with the stitches to be worked next.

○ k together 1 stitch from each needle until all stitches on needle are worked, 8 (10) stitches on needle.

○ repeat process for 2nd and 3rd needles. picot edge has now been created and leg pattern begins.

sm/med: ndl1: 8, ndl 2: 8, ndl 3: 8

lg/newborn: ndl1: 10, ndl 2: 10, ndl 3: 12

○ k 7 rounds

○ *k2tog, yo. repeat from * around

○ k five rounds

○ redistribute stitches:

sm/med: ndl1: 6, ndl 2: 6, ndl 3: 12

lg/newborn: ndl1: 8, ndl 2: 8, ndl 3: 16

heel:

knit across ndls 1 and 2, heel flap will be worked on ndl 3

row 1: with CC, *k1, sl1. repeat from * across

row 2: purl to last stitch, sl1

row 3: with MC, *k1, sl1. repeat from * across

row 4 purl to last stitch, sl1
work in heel pattern until you have 12 (16) heel flap rows. Heel flap shape should be close to square. End having completed a purl row. Clip CC yarn.

turning the heel:

row 1: with MC, k6 (9), k2tog, k1, turn

row 2: sl1, p1 (3), p2tog, p1, turn

row 3: sl1, k2 (4), k2tog, k1, turn

row 4: sl1, p3 (5), p2tog, p1, turn

row 5: sl1, k4 (6), k2tog, (k1) turn

row 6: sl1, p5 (7), p2tog, (p1) turn

gusset:

○ transfer all instep stitches to a one needle.

○ k to the center of the heel. k

○ using a spare needle, knit across the remaining heel stitches. pick up and knit 6 (8) stitches from the side of the heel flap and knit one stitch in the gusset corner (Ndl 1).

k across Ndl 2 (instep).

with Ndl 3 pick up and knit one stitch in the gusset corner and then pick up and knit stitches from the side of the heel flap. Knit the remaining heel stitches.

stitch count:

sm/med: ndl1: 9, ndl 2: 12, ndl 3: 9

lg/newborn: ndl1: 13, ndl 2: 16 ndl 3: 13

gusset decreases:

rnd 1:

ndl 1: k to last 3 stitches, k2 tog, k1.

ndl 2: k across instep.

ndl 3: k1, ssk, knit across.

rnd 2: k around

repeat these 2 rnds until total stitches equal 24 (32).

yarn used in picture: Paton's Beehive Baby acrylic baby yarn



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redistribute stitches:

sm/med: ndl1: 6, ndl 2: 6, ndl 3: 12

lg/newborn: ndl1: 8, ndl 2: 8, ndl 3: 16

sock foot:

work in stockinette until the length of the sock (from back of heel) is 1½", 2¼", 3", 3½"

toe shaping & finishing

rnd 1: ndl 1 - k1, ssk, k to last 3 st. k2tog, k1.
repeat for sole st

rnd 2: k around

repeat rnds 1 and 2 until there are 6 (8) sts remaining on both instep and sole.

weave toe stitches together using a Kitchener stitch. weave in and clip all yarn ends.

weave ribbon through eyelets at the ankle.

easy provisional cast on:

With a crochet hook about the same size as your intended knitting needles and a different colored (but similarly-weighted yarn) crochet a chain that is 5 or 6 stitches longer than the number of stitches required for cast on. Clip yarn, leaving a 4 - 5" tail. Tighten last stitch, but do not knot.

Next, still using your crochet hook draw up a loop under the back "bump" of the 2nd chain with the working yarn for your project. Be careful not to put the crochet hook through the strands of yarn in the chain -- it makes it more difficult to remove later.

Continue picking up stitches down the back of the chain until the require number of cast on stitches have been obtained. You may want to transfer the stitches from hook to dpn about every 10 stitches (also helps to keep count).

Once all stitches have been cast on, tighten them on your needles, then continue with pattern.

When ready to remove waste yarn, simply give a firm tug to the last stitch of the chain (with the long tail) and unravel the chain. If you find that you've accidentally pulled your working stitch through the yarn, carefully clip the waste yarn at the point of intersection and continue as before. Load the open loops to your knitting needles and proceed with the pattern.

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