



HONEYCOMB SOCKS

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STITCH GUIDE

Honeycomb Pattern: (multiple of 12 sts)

Rnd 1: *Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, p3 from cn; sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, p3, k3 from cn; rep from * to end.

Rnds 2-5: Work sts as they appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts).

Rnd 6: *Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, p3, k3 from cn; sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, p3 from cn; rep from * to end.

Rnds 7-10: Work sts as they appear.
Rep Rnds 1-10 for patt.

NOTES

- ◆ For more information on toe-up socks, see Ann Budd's *Beyond the Basics* in the Summer 2007 issue of *Interweave Knits*.

SOCK

Toe: Using the Eastern method (see Glossary, page 2), CO 12 sts over 2 dpn. Knit 1 rnd. Distribute sts in the foll order: 3 sts on Needle 3, 3 sts on Needle 1, 6 sts on Needle 2. Needles 1 and 3 make up sole sts; Needle 2 makes up instep sts; rnd beg at center of sole. Knit across sts on Needle 3 to reach new beg of rnd. **Next rnd:**

Needle 1: K2, M1 (see Glossary), k1; Needle 2: k1, M1, k4, M1, k1; Needle 3: k1, M1, k2—4 sts inc'd. Rep last rnd on every rnd until there are 48 sts. **Next rnd:** Knit. **Next rnd:** Rep Inc rnd. Rep last 2 rnds until there are 76 sts. Work even in St st (knit every rnd) until toe measures 2¼".

Foot: Needle 1: K19; Needle 2: k3, *p3, k2; rep from * to end of needle; Needle 3: k19. Cont as established, working instep sts in rib and sole in St st, until foot measures 8¾" from tip of toe, or desired total length minus 2¼". **Heel:** Sl first st on Needle 3 to Needle 2, and last st on Needle 1 to Needle 2—36 sole sts rem for heel.

Heel is worked back and forth on these 36 sts only. You may want to transfer instep sts to 2 dpn or a length of waste yarn to make working the heel easier.

Row 1: (RS) Cont with Needle 3, knit across Needle 1 to last st, sl last st to Needle 3, turn, leaving last st unworked—all 36 heel sts are on one needle (Needle 3).

Row 2: (WS) Yo backward (see Glossary), purl to last st, turn, leaving 1 st unworked.

Row 3: Yo as usual, knit to paired sts made by yo on previous row, turn, leaving rem 3 sts unworked.

Row 4: Yo backward, purl to paired sts made by yo on previous row, turn.

Row 5: Yo as usual, knit to paired sts made by yo on previous row, turn.

Rep Rows 4 and 5 until there are 16 sts between innermost yos. **Second half of heel:** Cont with RS facing (having just ended with a RS Row 5, first 2 sts on left needle are a knit st/yo pair), work as foll:

Row 1: (RS) K1, correct the st mount of the yo (so right leg of st is the leading leg), and k2tog (yo and knit st of next pair), turn.

Row 2: (WS) Yo backward, purl to paired sts made by yo of previous row, p1, ssp (yo and purl st of next pair; see Glossary), turn.

Row 3: Yo as usual, knit to paired sts made by yo on previous row, k1, correct the st mount of the foll 2 yos, k3tog (2 yos and knit st of next pair), turn.

Row 4: Yo backward, purl to paired sts made by yo on previous row, p1, sssp (2 yos and purl st of next pair; see Glossary), turn. Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all the yos of the first half have been consumed—no sts left unworked at end of last Row 4. Rejoin for working in the rnd: (RS) Yo as usual, knit to yo at end of heel sts, sl yo to next needle, k2tog (yo and first st of instep sts), work in rib patt to last instep st, ssk (last instep st and yo from beg of heel sts)—76 sts again.

Rnd now beg at side of leg, before start of heel sts. Work 16 rnds even in patt (St st on back of leg, rib patt on instep). **Inc rnd:**

[M1] 7 times evenly across St st portion, [M1] 6 times evenly across front of sock in knit columns—89 sts. **Next rnd:** P2, M1P (see Glossary), *k5, M1, p5, M1P; rep

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Finished Size 8½" foot circumference and 8½" long from tip of toe to back of heel. To fit woman's U.S. shoe sizes 7 to 8.

Yarn Woolly West Footpath (85% wool, 15% nylon; 175 yd [160 m]/60 g): yarrow, 2 skeins.

Needles Size 1 (2.5 mm): set of 5 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Marker (m); cable needle; tapestry needle

Gauge 32 sts and 48 rnds = 4" in St st in the rnd.

from * to last 3 sts, p3—108 sts. Work Rnds 1–10 of honeycomb patt (see Stitch Guide) 2 times, then rep Rnds 1–5 once more. **Next rnd:** Purl. **Dec rnd:** Purl and dec 20 sts even-

ly around—88 sts rem. **Dec rnd:** Purl and dec 16 sts evenly around—72 sts rem. [Knit 4 rnds, purl 3 rnds] 2 times. Knit 8 rnds. BO all sts loosely using the sewn method (see

Glossary). Weave in loose ends. Tighten up CO sts at toe if necessary. ■

Eastern Cast-On

Hold two dpn parallel to each other. Leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail, wrap the working yarn around both needles counterclockwise (Figure 1) half as many times as the number of stitches you want. For example, if you want to cast on 12 stitches, wrap the yarn around the two needles six times. To begin, bring the yarn forward between the two needles and use a third needle to knit across the wraps on the top needle (Figure 2). Rotate the two needles so that the needle that had been on the bottom is now on the top; use the free needle to knit across the wraps on that needle (Figure 3).



Figure 1



Figure 2

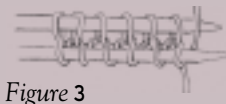


Figure 3

Yarnover Backward

Usually, yos on the purl side are worked by bringing the yarn from the front over the top of the needle to the back, then under the needle to front again (Figure 1). In working a short-row heel, yos are worked in the opposite direction. Bring yarn under needle to back, then over needle to front again, and continue purling row (Figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Ssp Decrease

Holding yarn in front, slip two stitches knitwise one at a time onto right needle (Figure 1). Slip them back onto left needle and purl the two stitches together through back loops (Figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Raised (M1) Increases

Left Slant (M1L) and Standard M1

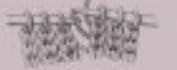


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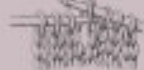


Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).

Right Slant (M1R)



Figure 1



Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the front (Figure 2).

Purlwise (M1P)



Figure 1



Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles, from back to front (Figure 1). Purl lifted loop (Figure 2).

Sssp

Slip three sts knitwise, one at a time, and purl tog through the back loops.



Sewn Bind-Off

Cut the yarn three times the width of the knitting to be bound off and thread onto a tapestry needle. Working from right to left, *insert tapestry needle purlwise (from right to left) through first two stitches (Figure 1) and pull the yarn through, then bring needle knitwise (from left to right) through the first stitch (Figure 2), pull the yarn through, and slip this stitch off the knitting needle. Repeat from *.



Figure 1



Figure 2