

Ribbed Far-Away Baby Socks



Here is the pattern for Ribbed Far-Away Baby Socks as it made its public debut on Thursday, January 17, 2008 on the afghans for Afghans Knit- and Crochet- Along blog at <http://afghansforafghanskal.blogspot.com/2008/01/ribbed-far-away-baby-socks.html>. Please note that this blog has moved, and is now located at <http://afghansforafghansknitalong.blogspot.com/>.

The instep stitches continue the ribbing from the leg for an extra bit of stretch. The short-row heel eliminates picking up stitches, though I found it the hardest part of the pattern to write up!

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Size:

Finished foot length 3.5" (9 cm)

Needles:

3.75 mm (U.S. 5) dpn or size to give gauge

Yarn:

Any light worsted weight

Gauge:

6 sts per inch (2.5 cm) in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

dpn: double-pointed needles
CO: cast on
K: knit
P: purl
yf: yarn forward, as if to purl
yb: yarn back, as if to knit
sl: slip
st: stitch
sts: stitches
LH: left-hand
rem: remaining
cont: continue

Note:

Slip stitches as if to purl.

Cuff:

CO 24 sts. Join in round. Work in K1, P1 ribbing until work measures 2" (5 cm) or desired length.

Short row heel:

Redistribute stitches as follows:

1st needle: 12 stitches

2nd needle: 6 stitches

3rd needle: 6 stitches

Heel is worked on 1st needle.

Row 1 : K11, yf, sl next st, yb, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 2: P10, yb, sl next st, yf, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 3: K9, yf, sl next st, yb, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 4: P8, yb, sl next st, yf, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 5: K7, yf, sl next st, yb, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 6: P6, yb, sl next st, yf, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 7: K6, yf, sl next st, yb, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 8: P7, yb, sl next st, yf, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 9: K8, yf, sl next st, yb, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 10: P9, yb, sl next st, yf, sl wrapped st back to LH needle. Turn.

Row 11: K10, yf, sl next st, yb. Turn.

Row 12: P11, yb, sl next st, yf. Turn.

Foot:

Knit across 12 stitches of 1st needle. If there is a gap between the heel stitches and the instep stitches, it helps to pick up a stitch to knit together with the first and last instep stitches.

(K1, P1) 6 times (instep).

Cont in pattern, keeping instep stitches in K1, P1 rib and sole stitches in stockinette stitch, until work measures 2" (5 cm) from back of heel.

Toe Shaping:

Rnd 1: (K4, K2tog) 4 times (20 sts rem)

Rnd 2: K

Rnd 3: K

Rnd 4: (K3, K2tog) 4 times (16 sts rem)

Rnd 5: K

Rnd 6: (K2, K2tog) 4 times (12 sts rem)

Rnd 7: K

Rnd 8: (K1, K2tog) 4 times (8 sts rem)

Cut yarn. Pull tail through rem sts. Fasten off. Weave in ends.