Toddler socks Design by Bianca Boonstra © 2009



For children age 2-4 years

The basic design is from my Baby sock pattern which I released in 2007. But children grow, and that also applies to my two year old son, who is modeling the sock.

You'll need: 50 grams Drops Fabel Superwash, or similar sock yarn Double Pointed Needles US #1, 2.5 mm

Cast on: 52 st. Divide these stitches over 4 needles 12/14/12/14st. Cuff: k2, p2 for 60 rounds. If desired the cuff can be made shorter.

Heel: Knit the stitches of needle no 1 on needle 4. These 26 st will form the heel side of the sock. Turn Purl 1 row. Turn Needle 1: slip 1, k 1 (turn) Needle 2: slip 1st stitch purl wise, purl the entire row. (turn)

Work these two needles an additional 12 times, so in total 24 rows are knitted.

To turn the heel: 1: K15, ssk, k1, turn 2: slip 1 purl wise, p 5, purl 2 tog, p1, turn 3: slip 1, k 6, ssk, k1, turn 4. slip 1 purl wise, p 7, purl 2 tog, p1, turn 5: slip 1, k 8, ssk, k1, turn 6: slip 1 purl wise, p 9, purl 2 tog, p1, turn 7: slip 1, k 10, ssk, k1, turn 8: slip 1 purl wise, p 11, purl 2 tog, p1, turn 9: slip 1, k 12, ssk, turn 10: slip 1 purl wise, p 13, purl 2 tog, turn

There are 16 st left on the needle. Knit these 16 st and pick up along both sides of the heel flap 13 stitches. (+ 1 to prevent holes if desired) Needle 2 and 3 are knitted in ribbing, starting k2, p2. Divide the stitches for the sole, by knitting 8 sts on needle 4, and slipping 8 on needle 1. Decrease: Nld 1: knit until 3 st before the end, k 2 tog, k1 Nld 2: Ribbing: p2, k2 Nld 3: knit 1, ssk, knit until end.

Repeat these needles until you are back to your original 52 stitches.. Continue to knit needle 1 and 4, and rib needles 2 and 3 until the foot has reached a length that is 2 centimeter / $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch below the top of the big toe.

Toe decreases: Step 1: Nld 1 + 3: knit until 3 st before the end, k 2 tog, k1 Nld 2 + 4: knit 1, ssk, knit until end.

Step 2: Knit the round.

Repeat step 1 and 2 until there are 40 sts left. Repeat step 1 until there are 20 sts left.

Closure of the toe: In the last round, knit sts of nld 2 + 3 on one needle. The sts of nld 4 and 1 are knit on the same needle also. Turn the sock inside-out. Bind off stitches, using the three needle bind off technique.

Weave in all ends. Work second sock.

I hope your child will enjoy warm feet!