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Materials: Patons Stretch Socks, 2 skeins (239 yds/skein) Size 1.5 (2.5mm) DPNs Tapestry needle

Note: the stitch pattern is created by always knitting stitches when holding the main colour of your skein in your hand and purling when holding the alternative colours. (The main colour is easily determined as the colour which has the longest run and appears between each of the other colours.)

Pattern:

Toe: Using Judy's Magic Cast-on, Cast on 16 stitches (8/needle).

Round 1: knit**

Round 2: k1, m1, knit to last stitch on needle, m1, k1, repeat for other needle.

Repeat these two rounds, eventually switching to 4 needles (plus 1 working needle) as necessary, until you have 60 sts total. (Note: this yarn has quite a bit of elastic in it and therefore you can afford to work on less stitches than normal. If you normally use 64 sts, go for 60. If you normally use 60, go for 56, etc. You get the point!)

Foot: knit (or purl as appropriate) all stitches until the length of the foot is 2 inches less than the total length of your (or your wearer's) foot.

Note: Make sure to measure when stretched, even possibly by trying the sock on the foot. Otherwise the purled sections will bunch up.

Heel: heel is worked across 2 needles (30 sts).

Note: it is at your discretion to switch up the knits and purls if an alternate colour comes up in the heel.

Knit across 28 sts. W&T
Purl back to first 2 sts. W&T
Knit to 1 st before wrapped st. W&T
Purl to 1 st before wrapped st. W&T

Continue working last 2 rows until there remain 8 stitches between wraps.

Work back: Work to first wrapped stitch. Pick up wrap and knit wrap together with stitch. W&T

Purl to first wrapped stitch. Pick up wrap and purl together with stitch. W&T

^{**}Remember to switch to purls if an alternate colour comes up.

Continue to pick up wraps (there will now be 2 wraps per stitch to work in), until you get to the las knitted one. Continue working around the foot normally. (There may be a wrap to deal with when you get back to the beginning of the heel.)

Leg: Continue knitting the main colour and purling with the alternates until cuff is desire length.

Cuff: No matter what colour you are working with, work your final rows as follows:

Knit 5 rounds Purl 1 round Knit 5 rounds.

Wrap yarn around hand 3-4 times. Cut yarn.

Turn Sock inside out. Turn cuff over at purl round and using your tapestry needle sew each stitch to the corresponding purl bump at the beginning of your cuff rounds. (This is instead of binding off. Basically you will go through a purl bump on the inside of the cuff that is closest to the first stitch on the needle. Then pull the needle through the stitch on the needle and let it drop off. Repeat around all stitches. Sew in ends and cut when finished.)