

Summer Tabi Anklets *By Kai Mistry*



I love Summer; it has to be my favourite season. I love the feel of the sun on my skin, being able to walk on the grass bare foot, eating ice cream and drinking tea outside and I love the fact that I can sit under the oak tree and let it's leafy canopy shade me when the sun is at its peak. Another thing I love about Summer is that I can wear flip-flops with everything. I have noticed though that I need to pull on some socks as the evening progresses, but big thick wool socks are really not all that

flattering with a pair of shorts or a short skirt. And you can't really wear socks with flip-flops! The solution? Tabi anklets of course! Here is my version of these Japanese invention.

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Size: Eur 37/US 6/UK 4 – Size can be adjusted by lengthening number of rows knit on foot.

SUGGESTED YARN

Any 4 ply Fingering weight yarn will work well.

I used 1 x Rellana Flotte Socke 4 fach Fun – 460yds/420m – Colour 5010

NEEDLES

2.25mm circular(s) & DPNs

NOTIONS

Stitch Markers

Scrap yarn

Darning needle for grafting

TENSION

32 sts x 46 rows

PATTERN NOTES

The heel is worked as an after-thought heel, using k2tog's and ssk's, similar to the toes, hence the need for the scrap yarn. You will knit a tube to the toe and then come back and work the heel.

ABBREVIATIONS

k – knit

p – purl

ssk – Slip the next two sts, individually, as if to knit. Knit these two sts together through the back loops.

slm – slip marker

K2Tog – Knit the next two stitches together

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INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 64 sts. Join to work in the round.

Note: This join is the beginning of all future rounds

Place marker at beginning of round

CUFF

Round 1: *K2, p2, repeat from * till end.

Work in pattern for another 4 rounds, slipping marker as you go along.

LEG

Next Round: Knit

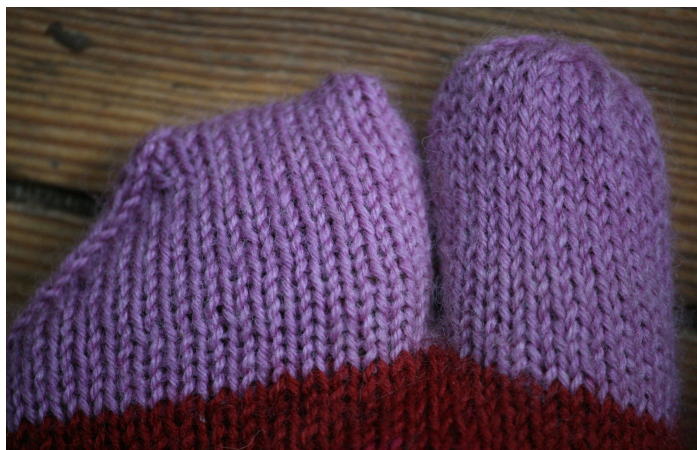
Work 5 knit rounds in total, slipping marker.

Next Round: Slip the next 32 sts onto a spare needle. Using the scrap yarn, knit the remaining 32 sts.

Next Round: Using the main yarn again, knit the 32 sts that you placed on the spare needle. Then knit across the 32 sts on the scrap yarn. You should now have a single line of knit stitches on scrap yarn within your knitting.

Continue working in the round until the foot measures your middle measurement. See Note. I worked 47 rounds.

Note: *Make sure that you measure your whole foot. You need to then deduct 2" for the heel and 2" for the toe. This middle measurement is what your foot length should be. My foot middle measurement was 4" for a size UK 4.*



LEFT TOE

Next Round: Knit 12 sts, then cast on 4 sts using the Backwards Loop Method. Place next 40 sts on some scrap yarn or spare needles (held for the rest of the toes). Knit remaining 12 sts. This makes the big toe. (28 sts)

Knit these 28 sts until it measures just slightly shorter than your toe. I worked 17 rnds before decreasing for a toe sized 1 1/2". The finished toe on the anklet measures 2".

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Round 1: *K2, K2tog, repeat from * till end. (21 sts)

Round 2: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * till end. (14 sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, repeat from * till end. (7 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail and you can either kitchener stitch the 7 sts, which is what I did, or draw the yarn through the 7 sts and pull tight, then weave in the end.

LEFT TOES - REMAINING

Rejoin yarn at the little toe side of the 40 held sts and then pick up 4 sts on the cast on edge of the big toe just knitted.

Round 1: K1, ssk, knit to the beginning of the 4 sts picked up from cast on edge of big toe and pick up an extra st to close gap. Knit 4 sts and pick up another st, on the other side, to close gap. Knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. (46 sts)

Round 2: Knit to 3 sts before toe split, k2tog, k1. Turn. K1, ssk. Knit remaining sts.

Round 3: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts **in round**, k2tog, k1.

Round 4: Knit all sts.

Repeat rounds 3 & 4 until your toes are covered. I knit 19 rounds in total, leaving 24 sts in total. Kitchener stitch remaining sts.

RIGHT TOE

Next Round: Place first 20 stitches on waste yarn. Cast on 2 sts using backwards loop method then

knit 24 sts and cast on 2 more sts using backwards loop method. Place last 20 sts on waste yarn.

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HEEL

Go back to the beginning, where you have a single row of sts knit with the scrap yarn. Unpick these sts and place live sts on to your circular(s)/dpns. You need to pick up sts above and below the scrap yarn. At the top, pick up an extra st so that you have 64 sts in total.

Round 1: *K1, ssk, knit to end of row, k2tog, k1. Turn. Repeat from *

Round 2: Knit all sts

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 till you have 32 sts in total. Then repeat round 1 only until you have 20 sts in total. Kitchener stitch these sts together.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and wear with your summer flip-flops!!!

