Baskervilles

My instructions are for socks knit 1-at-a-time on 1 circular needle (Magic Loop), though you can certainly use DPNs. It's just a matter of the judicious use of stitch markers. For faster socks, use thicker yarn & larger needles. Paw prints may be beaded for extra clarity of design (and bling!).

Materials:

380 - 450 yards fingering to sport weight yarn Beads appropriately sized to yarn (optional) Circular needles, US 1 to 3 as preferred

Leg:

Cast on 56 (64, 72) stitches loosely, and join in the round being careful not to twist.

Work cuff in k2,p2 rib for 12 rounds.

Begin Chart A for appropriate foot size for approximately 7 inches, or until desired cuff/leg length after completing Row 19.

Heel:

Knit across first 26 (30, 34) stitches, moving last two stitches on Needle 1 to join the instep stitches on Needle 2. Turn.

- 1. (Sl1, p1) to end of needle. Turn.
- 2. Sl1, knit to end of needle. Turn.

Repeat these two rows until a total of 28 (32, 36) rows have been completed.

Turn Heel:

Sl1, p14 (16, 18), p2tog, p1. Turn. Sl1, k5, ssk, k1. Turn.

- 1. Sl1, p to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1. Turn
- 2. Sl1, k to 1 st before gap, ssk, k1. Turn.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until all stitches worked. 16 (18, 20) stitches remaining on needle.

Double-Gusset Heel decrease:

Place marker (m1), pick up 14 (16, 18) stitches down side of heel flap. Pick up any extra stitches as needed to minimize the gap, being aware that these will need to be decreased later. Place marker (m2).

Work in pattern across instep, using Chart B for the appropriate foot size. Place marker (m3).

Pick up stitches along remaining side of heel flap, again compensating for any gaps. Place marker (m4). Knit 8 (9, 10) stitches and rearrange so that this is your new start of round.

- 1. Knit until 2 sts before m1. k2tog, sm, knit to m2 and sm, knit across instep in pattern, sm, knit to m4 and sm, ssk, knit to end of round.
- 2. Knit plain around, in pattern over instep, slipping markers in place.

Repeat these two rounds until you have two stitches between m4 and m1. Count stitches and move m1 so that there are 12 (14, 16) stitches between m1 and m2. Likewise, do the same for m3 and m4. Again, repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 2 stitches remain between m4 and m1. You should have 56 (64, 72) stitches total. Remove markers.

Rearrange stitches again so that there are 26 (30, 34) sole stitches on Needle 1 and 30 (34, 38) instep stitches on Needle 2. Continue knitting plain on sole stitches and in pattern on instep until approximately 2" from desired end of foot at the end of Row 19.

If you are unable to complete a full repeat of Chart B, you may attempt half a chart repeat, replacing the purl and bead stitches with knits for the paw print on the left side of chart B, thus ending on Row 11.

If neither of these options is possible and you are still short of length, continue knitting plain around with the moss-stitch rib on the first and last two stitches of Chart B until you are ready to begin decreasing for the toe.

Toe:

Move first and last stitches on Needle 2 to Needle 1 so that all 56 (64, 72) stitches are evenly divided between top and bottom.

- 1. Knit across Needle 1 until 3 sts from end of needle, k2tog, k1. K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts from end of Needle 2. k2tog, k1.
- 2. Knit all stitches around.

Repeat these two rounds until you have 12 stitches remaining on each needle.



k knit p purl

k2tog knit two togetherp2tog purl two together

ssk slip two stitches knitwise, move back to left needle, knit together through back loops

yo yarnover

sl1 slip one stitch purlwise unless otherwise noted

pm place marker sm slip marker

m1, m2... marker 1, marker 2, etc.

st, sts stitch, stitches
N1, N2 Needle 1, Needle 2

