



Ribbed Socks for Kids

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An original pattern for Spud & Chloë



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Yarn:

Spud & Chloë Fine (80% superwash wool, 20% silk; 65 grams/248 yards), 1 skein for one pair of socks (sample made in Clementine #7802)

Tools:

US size 2 double-pointed needles, set of 4 or size to obtain gauge

Ruler or tape measure

Scissors
Yarn needle
Stitch marker

Gauge:

7 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Size:

Ribbed Socks for Kids are intended to fit children 4-10 years-old. Foot length varies tremendously by age so it is best to measure the foot of the intended sock recipient in inches. Measure from the back of the heel to the end of the longest toe. The following is an approximation of foot lengths by age:

4 to 5-years-old: approximately 7-inches long

6 to 7-years-old: approximately 8-inches long

8 to 10-years-old: approximately 9-inches long

If you are unsure of the foot length or your measurement falls in between a suggested length, always use the larger size. One thing is for certain, kids' feet grow and they grow fast!

As for the width of the foot, the socks are ribbed and therefore are snug fitting for a skinnier foot but can also be stretched quite wide for a larger foot. Therefore there is only one width given. One width fits all.

The sample was made for my 9-year-old daughter who has a 9-inch foot length.

Abbreviations:

k knit

p purl

s1 slip one stitch as if to purl

k2tog knit two stitches together

p2tog purl two stitches together

ssk slip two stitches separately as if to knit, knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loop

st(s) stitches

dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)

**Cuff:**

Cast on 48 stitches placing 16 stitches on each of three double pointed needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: (k3, p1) repeat to the end of the round.

Repeat round 1 until the cuff measures 4-inches from the cast on edge.

*You can add length or shorten the length of the cuff at this point to suit your preference. My daughter does not like long socks so I stopped at 4-inches. You could add a couple more inches on the cuff and still have plenty of yarn with one skein.

Heel Flap:

Divide the stitches as follows:

Needle 1: 24 sts

Needles 2 and 3: 12 sts each

Work back and forth only on needle 1 for the heel flap as follows:

Row 1: (s1, k1) repeat to the end of row.

Row 2: s1, p to the end of the row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 twelve times. Repeat row 1 one more time. You will have columns of 13 slipped stitches on the heel flap.



Turn the Heel:

Continue working on needle 1 only as follows:

Row 1: s1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: s1, k5, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 3: s1, p to 1 st before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: s1, k to 1 st before the gap, k2tog, k1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all of the stitches have been worked. On the last 2 rows of the repeat, you will end with a p2tog and a k2tog. End with a row 4. (14 sts remain)

Gusset:

Continuing on with the working yarn and with the free dpn, pick up 15 stitches (one stitch in each slipped stitch) down the side of the heel flap.

Place the stitches from needle 3 onto needle 2 (24 sts are on needle 2). This is the top of the sock now. Work across in the rib pattern (k3, p1).

Continuing on with the working yarn and with the free dpn, pick up 15 stitches up the other side of the heel flap (one stitch in each slipped stitch). Knit across 7 stitches from the heel turn. Place the remaining 7 stitches on the next dpn.

New stitch arrangement as follows:

Needle 1: 22 stitches

Needle 2: 24 stitches (rib pattern)

Needle 3: 22 stitches



Continue working on the gusset as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2:

Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: (k3, p1) repeat to the end of the needle

Needle 3: k1, k2tog, k to the end of the needle

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there are 12 stitches remaining on needles 1 and 3.



Foot:

Continue by knitting the stitches on needles 1 and 3 and working in the rib pattern across needle 2 until the foot measures 1 ½ -inches shorter than the desired finished length of the sock. Measure from the back of the heel to the stitches on the needles.

For example, the sample sock was made for a 9-inch foot so I worked to 7 ½ inches for the foot length.

Toe:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2:

Needle 1: k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to the end of the needle

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there the following stitches remain:

Needles 1 and 2: 6 sts

Needle 3: 12 sts

Closing the Toe:

Knit the stitches from needle 3 onto needle 1. (12 sts on each of 2 dpns)

Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Graft the toe closed using the kitchener stitch.

(For an instructional video on kitchener stitch on a sock toe look here:

<http://susanbanderson.blogspot.com/2007/08/kitchener-stitch-demo-with-yarntini.html>)

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