

MAGGIE'S RAGS™

ALLEGRA'S SOCKS

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Tools: Double pointed needles, US size #2, or size required to achieve gauge; tapestry needle.

Gauge: In stockinette stitch, 15 sts and 21 rows = 2"

TOTALLY TUBULAR SOCKS

Size	Infant	Toddler	Child Sm	Child Med	Child Lg	Child XL
Fits Shoe Size	1-3	4-7	8-10	11-12	13-3	4-6
Fits Foot Length	3½-4¼" 9-10½cm	4½-5¼" 11-13 cm	5½-6¼" 13-15½ cm	6½-7" 16-18	7¼-8¼" 18-20½	8½-9¼" 21-23 cm
Materials: 50 gr (1¾ oz) skeins fingering weight sock yarn (215 yds/50 gr; 20 wpi)	1	1	1	1	2	2

Instructions:

Cast on ____ sts. Divide sts between 3 or 4 needles & join ends, taking care not to twist.	36 sts	44 sts	48 sts	48 sts	56 sts	56 sts
Work circularly in K2 P2 ribbing for	3¾" (9½ cm)	4" (10 cm)	4¼" (10½ cm)	4½" (11½ cm)	4¾" (12 cm)	5" (12.5 cm)
Continue working circularly in stockinette stitch for	6½" (16½ cm)	7½" (19 cm)	8½" (21½ cm)	9½" (24 cm)	11½" (29 cm)	12½" (31½ cm)
Toddler, Child Lg & Child XL ONLY		(K2tog, K20) twice			(K2tog, K26) twice	(K2tog, K26) twice

Toe Shaping (all sizes)

- *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 4 rounds even.
- *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 3 rounds even.
- *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 2 rounds even.

- *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 1 round even.
 - *K2tog; repeat from * around.
- Cut yarn leaving 8" tail. Thread yarn through tapestry needle, and pull through remaining sts. Draw up tight and tie off. Weave ends in.

WELL-HEELED SOCKS

Size	Child Sm	Child Med	Child Lg
Fits Shoe Size	2-7	8-12	13-6
Fits Foot Length	4"-5¼" (10-13 cm)	4½"-7" (11-17½ cm)	7¼"-8¼" (18-20½ cm)
Materials: 50 gr (1¼ oz) skeins fingering weight sock yarn (215 yds/50 gr; 20 wpi)	1	1	1

Instructions

Cast on ____ sts. Divide sts between 3 or 4 needles and join ends, being careful not to twist knitting.	40 sts	48 sts	56 sts
Work circularly in K2 P2 ribbing for	4" (10 cm)	4½" (11 cm)	4¾" (12 cm)

Heel Flap†: Arrange sts so that half are on one needle and the other half are divided between two more needles. Work the heel flap back and forth on the needle that has half the sts. **Turn** and work back across this needle on the wrong side: K3, P across until 3 sts remain, K2, P1.

Work the following two rows until there are as many rows for the heel flap as you have sts on the needle, ending with a wrong side row. (So, if you have 24 sts for the heel flap, work 24 rows; this is easy to count because there will be half as many ridges (12) in the garter st border at the edge of the heel flap.)

- Slip 1, K across until 1 st remains, P1.
- Slip 1, K2, P across until 3 sts remain, K2, P1.

Shape Heel: Knit to the center of the heel flap, then knit 2 more sts. SSK, K1, turn. Wrong side: Slip 1, P5, P2 tog, P1, turn. Work the following two rows until all the sts of the heel flap have been worked:

- Slip 1, K until 1 st remains before the gap formed by the last decrease. SSK, K1, turn.
- Slip 1, P until 1 st remains before the gap. P2 tog, P1, turn. The sts that remain are on the "Bottom Needle."

Pick Up Stitches: Using an empty needle, knit up 1 st in each of the slipped edge sts along the left edge of the heel flap. (You are already at a corner of the heel flap, just keep on going around the corner to the left.) For a neat cabled edge, knit through just the outer half of the st. There should be about half as many sts as there are rows in the heel flap, perhaps one or two more. This is the "First Side Needle."

Take another empty needle and knit across the front sts that have been patiently waiting since you began working on the heel. Work across both needles, so that the front of the sock is all on one needle. This is the "Top Needle."

With an empty needle, knit up sts along the other side of the heel flap. Be sure to pick up the same number of sts as you did for the first side! This is the "Second Side Needle."

NOTE: If you have only 4 needles, rearrange your sts. Knit half of the sts from the bottom of the heel onto the Second Side Needle. Slip the other half onto the First Side Needle.

Gusset Decreases: You now have many more sts than you need for the foot of the sock. To prevent the foot from being baggy and loose, these must be decreased away, until you have the same number of sts that you did in the beginning. Decreases are done on each of the Side Needles at the end closest to the Top Needle.

- Knit one round even.
- On the next round, knit until 2 sts remain before the end of the First Side Needle. K2tog. Knit across the Top Needle. On the Second Side Needle SSK, and then knit to the end of the needle.
- If you are working with 5 needles, finish the round by knitting across the Bottom Needle.

Repeat these two rounds until you have the same number of sts as you originally cast on. Work even in stockinette stitch until the foot of the sock measures 27/8" less than the desired length. (If you don't have the foot in question handy, refer to the chart above for foot length.)

Toe Shaping:

- *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 6 rounds even.
 - *K5, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 5 rounds even.
 - *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 4 rounds even.
 - *K3, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 3 rounds even.
 - *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 2 rounds even.
 - *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around. Knit 1 round even.
 - *K2tog; repeat from * around.
- Cut yarn leaving 8" tail. Use tapestry needle to pull yarn through remaining sts. Draw up tight and tie off. Weave ends in.

Abbreviations	
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit two together
P	Purl
P2 tog	Purl two together
SSK	Slip 1 as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit, insert the left needle into the front of both, and knit together
St/sts	Stitch/Stitches
Wpi	Wraps per inch

† I am indebted to Elizabeth Zimmermann for the garter and slipped stitch edge on the heel flap, which she discusses in *Knitting Without Tears*.