



Colorful Knit Kids' Socks

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Directions are for sizes 12 months; changes for 2-4 years and 4-6 years are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Heart & Sole™”: 1 skein desired color. Shown in 3960 Spring Stripe or 3955 Mellow Stripe.

Knitting Needles: 3.5mm [US 4] double-pointed. Stitch markers.

Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 28 sts = 4”; 34 rows = 4” in Stockinette st.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the specified gauge.

Finished Foot Length: 4 (5, 6)”.

Pattern Stitch (multiple of 4 sts)

Rounds 1-3: Knit.

Round 4: K1, *p2, k2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1. Repeat Rounds 1-4 for Pattern stitch.

SOCKS

Cast on 32 (36, 40) sts.

Divide stitches evenly around double-pointed needles. Join, taking care not to twist sts. Place marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: K1, *p2, k2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1. Repeat Round 1 until 4 rounds have been worked.

Change to Pattern st and work until piece measures 2 (3, 3½)” from beginning, end with Round 4.

Heel Flap

Work across 16 (18, 20) sts. Leave remaining sts unworked. Heel Flap is worked back and forth in rows.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Slip 1, p15 (17, 19).

Row 2: Slip 1, knit across.

Row 3: Slip 1, purl across.

Row 4: Slip 1, [p2, k2] to last 3 (1, 3) sts, p2 (1, 2), k1 (0, 1). Repeat Rows 1-4 for 3 (3, 4) times more, then work Rows 1-2 for 0 (1, 0) times.

Turn Heel

Row 1 (Wrong Side): P9 (11, 11), p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: Slip 1, k3 (5, 3), ssk, k1, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1, p4 (6, 4), p2tog, p1, turn.

Continue in this manner, working 1 st more on each row until 10 (12, 12) sts remain, end with a right side row.

Gusset

With right side facing, pick up and knit 8 (8, 10) sts along left side of Heel Flap, place first marker, keeping in Pattern st as established work across 16 (18, 20) unworked sts, place second marker, pick up and knit 8 (8, 10) sts along right side of Heel Flap – 42 (46, 52) sts. Join to work in rounds.

Round 1: K5 (6, 6), place marker for beginning of round, knit to end of round

Round 2: Knit to 3 sts before first marker, k2tog, work to next second marker, k1, ssk, knit to end of round.



Repeat Rounds 1-2 for 4 (5, 7) more times more – 32 (34, 36) sts.

Keeping sts between first and second markers in Pattern st, Work even until Foot measures 3 (4, 5)” or 1” shorter than desired length.

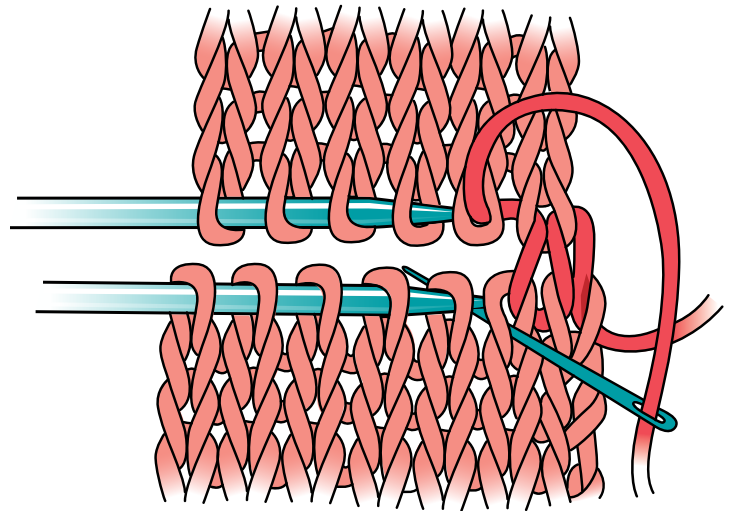
Shape Toe

Round 1: Knit to 3 sts before first marker, k2tog, k2, ssk, knit to 3 sts before second marker, k2tog, k2, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 for 4 times more, then Round 1 once – 8 (10, 12) sts.

Divide sts in half and graft together (see illustration).



FINISHING

Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **K** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **ssk** = slip 2 sts one at a time as to knit, knit these 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.