

Early Spring Socks

knit in Panda Cotton

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Description

Early Spring is a toe-up sock that begins with a provisional cast-on and continues with a short row toe. Lacey flower buds cover the instep while the sole & gusset are worked in stockinette stitch. The unique heel design does not require picking up stitches, and the tubular cast off provides a neat finish with plenty of stretch.

Materials

Yarn: 2 (50gm/170yd) balls [Crystal Palace Yarns Panda Cotton](#) (bamboo-cotton-elastic) (here ivory #0204)
Fingering weight waste yarn
Crochet hook (if using a crochet provisional cast on)
Needles: [CPY Bamboo DPN](#) - set of 5 double pointed needles
US 1 (2.25mm) or size needed to obtain gauge
Darning needle

Size

Woman's medium, fits approx US size 8 shoe

Gauge

17 sts & 26 rnds = 2x2 inches stockinette

Abbreviations

DN: darning needle
DPN: double pointed needle
k: knit; p: purl
k2tog: knit 2 together
ktbl: knit through back of loop
p2tog: purl 2 together; p3tog: purl 3 together
Rnd: round
sl: slip stitch as if to purl unless otherwise instructed
sl1wyib: slip 1 as if to purl with yarn in back
sl1wyif: slip 1 as if to purl with yarn in front
ssk: slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then knit those 2 stitches together through the back loops
st or sts: stitch or stitches
RS: right side or public side ; WS: wrong side or private side
yif: yarn in front; yib: yarn in back; yo: yarn over

Notes

- Slip sts as if to purl with yarn in back unless otherwise instructed.
- Instructions for a crochet provisional cast on can be found here <http://www.pagebypage.com/provisional.php#creating>
- W&T(RS)=Wrap & Turn (RS): yif, sl1, yib, put slipped st back on the left needle, turn
- W&T(WS)=Wrap & Turn (WS): yib, sl1, yif, put slipped st back on the left needle, turn

Instructions

Short Row Toe

Using a provisional cast on technique and waste yarn, cast on 32 sts onto a DPN.

Row 1: Using the project yarn, k all sts.

Row 2: sl1, p until there are 2 sts on the left needle. W&T(WS).

Row 3: sl1, k until there are 2 sts on the left needle. W&T(RS).

Row 4 (WS): p to the last unwrapped stitch, but do not purl it. W&T(WS).

Row 5 (RS): k to the last unwrapped stitch, but do not knit it. W&T(RS).

Repeat rows 4 and 5 until there are 10 unwrapped sts remaining. End after completing a RS row.



Toe increases:

Row 1: p across to the first wrapped st and purl it. With your left needle, pick up the wrap and leave it on the left needle. Turn.

Row 2: k to the first wrapped st and knit it. With your left needle, pick up the wrap and leave it on the left needle. Turn.

Row 3: Sl1, p to the wrap that you put on the needle and purl it together with the next st. Pick up the wrap onto your left needle. Turn.

Row 4: Sl1, k to the wrap that you put on the needle and knit it together with the next st. Pick up the wrap onto your left needle. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 of the toe increases until 1 picked up wrap and 2 sts remain on each end of the needle. Work Row 3 once more.

Sl1, k to the wrap that you put on the needle and knit it together with the next st. Pick up the wrap onto your left needle and knit it together with the last st on the needle. Do not turn.

Pick up 32 sts from the provisional cast on. Divide the 32 stitches evenly onto 2 DPNs (these are Needles 3 & 4). Knit all sts on Needles 3 & 4.

[Note- below secs "Needle 3 & Needle 4" & some st numbers following throughout pattern were edited on 03-19-07]

Onto an empty needle, k the first st together with the picked up wrap, k15. This is Needle 1. 16sts.

Onto an empty needle, k16. This is Needle 2. 16sts.

Needle 3: Knit all sts. 16sts.

Needle 4: K15 sts. Transfer the last st onto the next needle in the round. Needle 1: 17sts, Needle 2 & 3: 16 sts each, Needle 4: 15sts. 64 sts total.

Foot

Work the foot on Needles 1 & 2 using Chart A and knit the sole sts on Needles 3 & 4. Continue until the top of the foot reaches where the instep meets the leg. The length of the work will be approximately 3-1/2 inches shorter than the total length of the foot. See photo below. Insert a lifeline.

(see here re. lifeline <http://www.thedietydiary.com/blog/index.php?p=150>)



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bogiebogie/325762075/>

Gusset Increases

Rnd 1 of gusset increases:

Needles 1 & 2: Continue in established pattern [Chart A].

Needle 3: k1, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it. K the remaining sts.

Needle 4: k across until 1 st remains on the left needle. Lift the stitch 2 sts below the st on the right needle and knit it, k1.

Rnd 2 of gusset increases:

Needles 1 & 2: Continue in established pattern [Chart A].

Needle 3 & 4: k all sts.

Repeat these 2 rounds until there are 26 sts on Needle 3 and 25 sts on Needle 4. [84 sts total]

Heel Counter

Row 1:

Needles 1 & 2: Continue in established pattern [Chart A]. Note which row in Chart A you just worked.

Needle 3: k all sts

Needle 4: k8, W&T(RS)

Row 2:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p6; 26 sts

Needle 3: p9, W&T(WS)

Row 3:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k7; 27 sts

Needle 4: k7, W&T(RS)

Row 4:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p5; 27 sts

Needle 3: p8, W&T(W)

Row 5:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k6; 28 sts

Needle 4: k6, W&T(RS)

Row 6:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p4; 28 sts

Needle 3: p7, W&T(W)

Row 7:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k5; 29 sts

Needle 4: k5, W&T(RS)

Row 8:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p3; 29 sts

Needle 3: p6, W&T(W)

Row 9:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k4; 30 sts

Needle 4: k4, W&T(RS)

Row 10:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p2; 30 sts

Needle 3: p5, W&T(W)

Row 11:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k3; 31 sts

Needle 4: k3, W&T(RS)

Row 12:

Needle 4: p2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and purl it, p1; 31 sts

Needle 3: p4, W&T(W)

Row 13:

Needle 3: k2, lift the stitch below the st on the left needle and knit it, k2; 32sts.

Needle 4: k3, *k1, sl1, with your left needle, pick up the wrap of the slipped stitch, leave it on the left needle and return the slipped st onto the left needle. Knit the wrap & the slipped stitch together*, repeat between the *'s 5 more times. Turn. 31 sts

Row 14:

Needle 4: sl1, p14

Needle 3: p4, *p1, sl1, with your left needle, pick up the wrap of the slipped stitch, leave it on the left needle, and return the slipped st onto the left needle. Purl the wrap & the slipped stitch together*, repeat between the *'s 5 more times. Turn. 32 sts

Heel Flap**Row 1 of heel flap:**

Needle 3: sl1, p2, sl1 *k1, sl1*, repeat between the *'s 5 more times

Needle 4: *k1, sl1*, repeat between the *'s 5 more times, k2, ssk. Turn.

Row 2 of heel flap:

Needle 4: sl1, k2, purl across.

Needle 3: p15, p2tog. Turn.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 of the heel flap 14 more times.

Needle 3: 17 sts, Needle 4: 16 sts. 66 sts total.

Work Row 1 of the heel flap, but do not turn after completing the ssk.

Needles 1 & 2: Continue in established pattern [Chart A].

Needle 3: k2tog, k remaining sts. Needle 3: 16 sts, Needle 4: 15 sts. 64 sts total.

If you just completed Rnd 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 12 of Chart A,

Needle 4: k until 3 sts remain, p2, k. k1 st from Needle 1 onto Needle 4. 16sts on Needle 1.

Otherwise,

Needle 4: k until 3 sts remain, p2, k. k5 sts from Needle 1 onto Needle 4. 16sts on Needle 1.



Cuff

The cuff is worked with 16sts on each needle. If you just completed Rnd 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 of Chart A, transfer 4 stitches from Needle 3 onto Needle 2, and transfer 4 sts from Needle 4 onto Needle 3. 16sts on each needle, 64sts total.

Work the cuff using Chart B. Continue in pattern by working the round number that corresponds to the next row of the instep. For example, if you just completed Rnd 8 of Chart A, work the cuff starting with Rnd 9 of Chart B.

Continue in established pattern until the cuff measures 4-1/2 inches from the top of the heel flap.

Garter Rib & Tubular Cast off

Work 10 rounds of Chart B, purling instead of knitting all stitches in the even numbered rounds. End after completing a purl round.

Set up the tubular cast off with tubular knitting.

Rnd 1: *k1, sl1wyif*, repeat between *'s around.

Rnd 2: *k1, p1, *sl1wyib, p1*, repeat between *'s around.

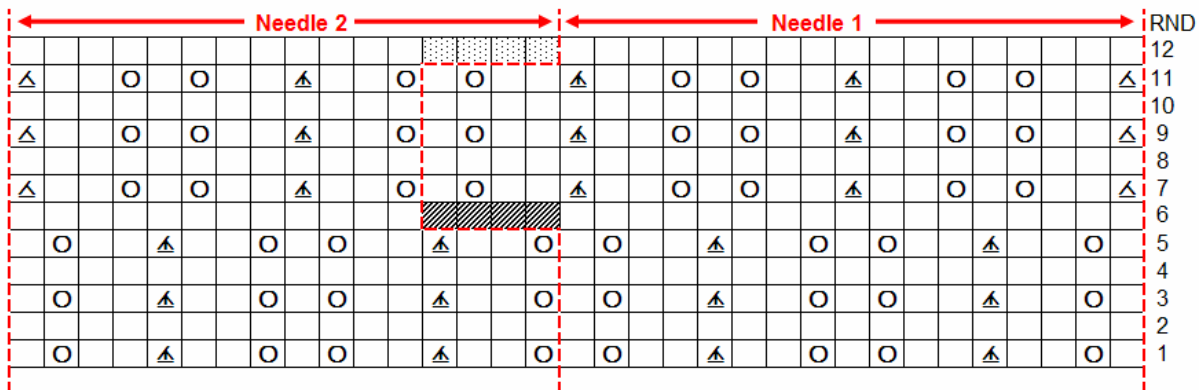
Repeat these 2 rounds one more time.

Cut the project yarn, leaving a length of at least 4 feet for grafting. Thread the end into a darning needle (DN) and cast off starting with the stitches on Needle 1:

- 1) Insert the DN into the 1st st (a knit st) on the left needle as if to purl and leave it on the needle.
- 2) From the back of the work, insert the DN into the 2nd st (a purl st) as if to knit and leave it on the needle.
- 3) Insert the DN into the 1st st (a knit st) as if to knit and slip it off the needle.
- 4) Insert the DN into the 2nd st (a knit st) as if to purl and leave it on the needle.
- 5) Insert the DN into the 1st st (a purl st) as if to purl and slip it off the needle.

Repeat steps 2-5 until you have bound off all sts. Weave in the ends and enjoy!

Chart A - Instep 33 stitches



	knit
	purl
	yo
	p3tog
	p2tog
	knit 1 st from the next needle in the round
	Transfer the remaining 4 sts from the left needle onto the next needle in the round. Onto an empty needle, k4.

Chart A, Early Spring Instep: 33 sts

Rows 1, 3, & 5:

- Needle 1: k1, *yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k1*, repeat between *'s.
- Needle 2: *yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k1*, repeat between *'s.

Rows 2, 4, 8, & 10: k all sts

Row 6:

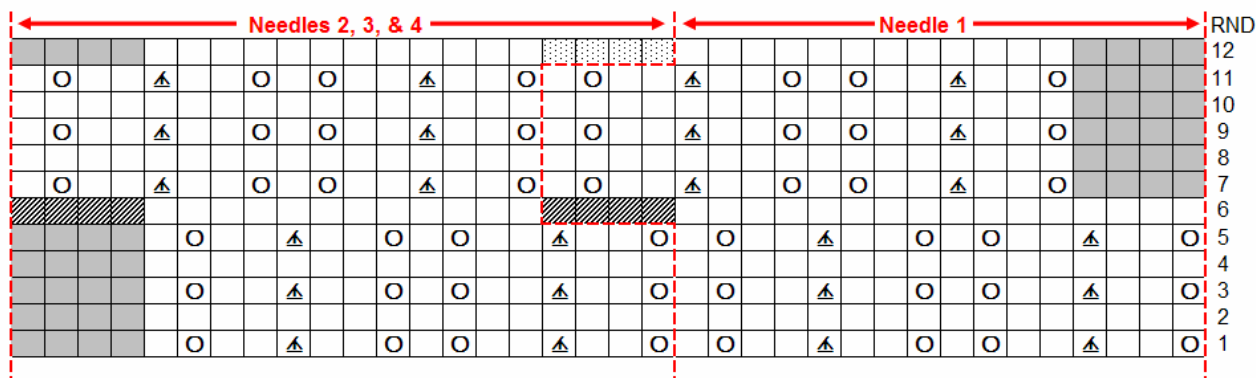
- Needle 1: k17, k4 sts from Needle 2 onto Needle 1. 21 sts.
- Needle 2: k12

Rows 7, 9, & 11:

- Needle 1: p2tog, k2, yo, k1, *yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k1*, repeat between *'s.
- Needle 2: yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p2tog.

Row 12:

- Needle 1: k17. Transfer the remaining 4 sts from Needle 1 onto Needle 2. 17 sts.
- Needle 2: k16

Chart B - Cuff**64 stitches**

□	knit
—	purl
○	yo
△	p3tog
▨	knit 1 st from the next needle in the round
▤	Transfer the remaining 4 sts from the left needle onto the next needle in the round. Onto an empty needle, k4.
■	no stitch

Chart B, Early Spring Cuff: 64 sts

All odd numbered rounds: *yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k1*, repeat between *'s.

Rnds 2, 4, 8, & 10: k all sts

Rnd 6: Each needle: k all sts, k4 sts from the next needle in the round.

Rnd 12: Each needle: k until 4 sts remain on the left needle. Transfer the remaining 4 sts from the left needle onto the next needle in the round.

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