



Basic Baby toe-up socks

Sizes: 0-3 (6-12) months

Yarn: Elann.com Peruvian Baby Silk, (1 skein) color 1477 (80% baby alpaca, 20% silk)

Or Elann.com Baby Cashmere, (1 skein) color 1837 (60% baby alpaca, 30% merino wool, 10% cashmere)

{For striped sock: Patons Grace (1 skein each) colors A= 60008 and B= 60012 (100% cotton)}

Coordinating yarn or ribbon for ankle tie
Waste sock yarn, different color

Needle: Size 2.75mm/US2 double pointed needles
Crochet Hooks size 5/F

Gauge: 7 sts = 1", 10 rows = 1"

Note: directions with { } refer to the striped sock option.

Toe:

Using waste yarn, very loosely chain stitch about 16(22) sts with crochet hook.
Cut waste yarn and secure tail so the chain can be "unzipped" later.

Provisional cast-on: Using your chosen sock yarn {color A}, knit into the horizontal bar under each crochet chain for 12(18) sts (careful not to split waste yarn). Turn.

P across those 12(18) sts.

Row 1: K 11(17) sts, yfwd, sl last unworked st from the left needle to the right needle. Turn.

Row 2: wyif sl 1 (wrapping yarn around outside of the 1st st), P 10(16), wyib sl last st. Turn.

Row 3: wyib sl 1 (wrapping yarn around the 1st st), k across, stopping before the st BEFORE the wrapped/unworked st, yfwd, sl st. Turn.

Row 4: wyif sl 1 (wrap), purl across to the st BEFORE the unworked st, wyib sl last st. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until **4 (6)** of the toe stitches are wrapped and on left side, **4 (6)** stitches are "live" in the middle, and **4 (6)** are wrapped and on the right. End on a WS row.

Row 1: (RS) wyib, wrap 4th (6th) stitch on right. K across, stopping before the wrapped st 4 (6) K next st tog WITH it's wrap(s), wrap next st (wyif, sl st). Turn.

Row 2: wyif sl double-wrapped st, P 5 (6), P next st tog WITH it's wrap (or double-wrap), wrap next st (wyib sl st purl-wise). Turn.

Continue row 1 & 2 until all 12(18) sts have been knitted and all wraps have been worked, ending on a WS row – purling the last wraps.

Arrange sts on 3 needles as follows:

Needle 1: Sl1, K5(8), Needle 2: K6(9).

Undo (unzip slowly) crocheted waste yarn chain and transfer 12(18) sts onto needle 3.

With working needle, K12(18) sts from needle 3.

24 sts = Needle 1: 6 sts, needle 2: 6 sts, Needle 3: 12 sts

(36 sts = Needle 1: 9 sts, needle 2: 9 sts, Needle 3: 18 sts)

Foot:

Place marker at beginning of round.

K 12(18) st foot bottom {with color B}, work top of foot in ribbing as follows:

0-3 mo: K1, [P2, K2] twice, P2, K1.

6-12 mo: ([K2, P2] repeat 4 times, ending K2).

{For Striped Sock:

K 12 (18) st foot bottom {with color B}, work 12(18) st of top of foot in st st as well.} Switching color every two rows. Do not break yarn, just hold unused color behind work until needed two rows later.



Continue working sock in the round, knitting all sts on foot and continuing pattern repeating atop for 12 (14) rows or until foot measures 2.25 (2.75) inches from toe.

Short Row Heel:

Sts will be split 12/top/12 bottom(18/top/18 bottom). {For striped sock: change to Color A}

Row 1: K 11(17) sts, yfwd, sl last unworked st from the left needle to the right needle. 12 (18) sts
Turn.

Row 2: wyif, sl the first, unworked, st from the left needle to the right needle. P 10 (16), wyib sl last st.
Turn.

Row 3: wyib, Sl the first st, K across to the last st before the unworked st. Wrap and turn.

Row 4: Sl the first wrapped st and P across to the st before the unworked st. Wrap and turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until **3 (5)** of the heel sts are wrapped and on left side, 6 **(8)** st are "live" in the middle, and **3 (5)** are wrapped and on the right. Ending WS row with the last wrap.

Second half of the heel:

Row 1: K 6 (8) live sts across to the first unworked, wrapped st. pick up the wrap from top and Ktog with the st. Wrap the next st (so that it now has two wraps). Turn.

Row 2: Sl the first (double-wrapped) st and P across 7 (9) to the first unworked, wrapped st. Pick up the wrap and purl it together with the st. Wrap the next st and turn.

On subsequent rows you will pick up both wraps and K or P them together with the st. Remember to pick up wraps inserting needle from above loop.

Continue until you have worked all the sts and you once again have 12 (18) "live" sts. Last st with two wraps Ktog on WS row. Tip: On last WS row, sl the first st to minimize hole when join in the round.

Leg:

Row 1, needle 1&2: Work back of leg as follows: 12 (18 sts)

0-3 mo: K1, [P2, K2] twice, P2, K1.

6-12mo: ([P2, K2] repeat 4 times, ending P2).

Needle 3: continue working from of leg ribbing.

Work 5 rounds of ribbing.

Next round: K1[P2tog,YO,K2] repeat, ending K2 ([P2tog, YO, K2] repeat)

Following rounds, continue ribbing pattern around for 1.25(1.75) inches more.

{For Striped Sock:

Change to color B, work 5 rounds of st st. At the same time, switching color every 2 rows.

Next round: (K2, K2tog, YO) repeat for one round

Return to sts st for 4 more rows. At the same time, switching color every 2 rows.

Switch to color A for ribbing. K2, P2 ribbing for 4 rounds.}

Bind off very loosely; weave in tails.

Tie: With crochet Hook F: Take 4 yards of coordinating yarn double stranded, chain stitch about 17". Weave in tie through eyelets created by the yarn-overs. Tie with bow at front.

Knit second sock the same as first.

Washing Instructions: Gentle hand wash in cool water as needed. Lay flat to dry and block.

Appendix:

St st = stockinette stitch

Sl = slip (if knit st, slip knitwise, if purl stitch, slip purlwise)

wyif = with yarn in front

yfwd = yarn forward

wyib = with yarn in back

ssk = Sl 2 sts knit-wise, knit them together from right needle

P2tog = Purl 2 together

K2tog = Knit 2 together

More Knitting abbreviations: <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html>