

Moc Croc Socks

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Pattern Notes:

The lace pattern used for this sock is not difficult. However, you should be familiar with working yarn-overs between a knit stitch and a purl stitch.

Special Abbreviation:

sl1-k2tog-ssso: slip one stitch purlwise, knit the next two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over.

Directions:

Leg

Loosely cast on 60 (70) stitches. Divide evenly onto 4 needles so there are a multiple of 5 stitches on each needle. Join into the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Mark the beginning of the rnd.

Begin working the stitch pattern as follows:

Rnds 1, 2, 3, 4, 6: *p1, k3, p1; repeat from * to end of rnd

Rnd 5: *p1, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo, p1; repeat from * to end of rnd

Repeat Rounds 1-6 until the leg of the sock is as long as you like it. Five inches is good for an ankle sock and seven inches is good for a crew-length sock. End by working Round 6.

Heel

Set-up: Place the next 30 (35) stitches onto a piece of waste yarn (or leave them on two spare needles); these are the instep stitches and they won't be worked again until the heel is completed. Place the remaining 30 (35) stitches onto one needle; these are your heel stitches. Turn your work so the wrong side is facing you.

Heel Flap

Row 1: sl1, p29 (34), turn

Row 2: sl1, k29 (34), turn

Repeat Rows 1-2 a total of 14 times then work Row 1 again. You've now worked a total of 29 heel flap rows. The heel flap should be slightly more than 2 inches long.

Turn the Heel

Row 1: sl1, k18 (21), ssk, turn

Row 2: sl1, p8 (9), p2tog, turn

Row 3: sl1, k8 (9), ssk, turn

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until you've worked all the heel stitches.

You should have 10 (11) heel stitches remaining on your needle.

Turn your work so the right side of the sock is facing you.

Knit across the 10 (11) heel stitches.



Finished Sizes:

Women's S/M (L)

When the numbers differ, the instructions for the larger size are in parentheses. The lace pattern used for this sock is extremely stretchy and the finished sock should fit a wide range of sizes.

Yarn:

Knit Picks *Essential* (75% superwash wool, 25% nylon; 231 yards/50 grams): Ash 23696, 2 balls.

Needles:

Size 1: set of 5 dpn

Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions:

Yarn needle

Gauge:

8 sts = 1" using size 1 needles measured over stockinette stitch knit in the round. Check your gauge before you begin.



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Gussets

Place 5 (5) heel stitches onto one needle (Needle #1); divide the 30 (35) instep stitches onto two needles (Needle #2 and Needle #3); place the remaining 5 (6) heel stitches onto a fourth needle (Needle #4).

Using Needle #1, pick up and knit 15 stitches along the side of the heel flap.

Work the stitches on Needle #2 and Needle #3 according to the established stitch pattern.

Pick up and knit 15 stitches along the other side of the heel flap and knit the 5 (6) stitches from Needle #4.

The beginning of the round is now at the center of the sole.

Begin the gusset decreases as follows:

Round 1:

Needle #1: knit to the last 3 stitches; k2tog, k1

Needle #2 & Needle #3: work stitches in established stitch pattern

Needle #4: k1, ssk, knit to the end of the needle

Round 2:

Needle #1: knit across all stitches

Needle #2 & Needle #3: work stitches in established stitch pattern

Needle #4: knit across all stitches

Repeat these two rnds until you have decreased back down to

60 (70) stitches.

Foot

Work even in the established pattern until the foot of the sock measures approximately 2 inches less than the desired length.

Toe

Round 1:

Needle #1: knit to the last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

Needle #2: k1, ssk, knit to the end of the needle

Needle #3: knit to the last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

Needle #4: k1, ssk, knit to the end of the needle

Round 2:

Knit all stitches on all needles.

Repeat these two rounds until 32 (42) stitches remain.

Repeat Round 1 until 12 (14) stitches remain.

Knit the stitches from Needle #1 onto Needle #4. Transfer the stitches from Needle #3 to Needle #2. You should have 6 (7) stitches on each needle. Graft the toe closed using the Kitchener stitch.

Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends.

Make the second sock!

Block both socks and wear proudly.

Abbreviations		cm	centimeter(s)	P, p	purl	skp	sl, k, pssso: 1 st dec
		cn	cable needle	p2tog	purl 2 sts together	sl	slip
"	inches	CO	cast on	pat	pattern	sl st	slip stitch(es)
()	rep inst bet ()'s as many times as noted afterward	cont	continue	pm	place marker	sl1k	slip 1 kwise
*	rep inst foll single * as directed	dec	decrease(es)	pop	popcorn	sl1p	slip 1 pwise
**	rep inst bet **'s as many times as noted after	dpn	double pointed needles	pr	previous row	SSK	sl, sl, k these 2 sts tog
[]	rep inst bet []'s as many times as noted after	fl	front loop(s)	prev	previous	sssk	sl, sl, sl, k these 3 sts tog
alt	alternate	foll	follow(s)(ing)	pssso	pass slipped stitch over	st st	stockinette stitch
approx	approximately	inst	instructions	pwise	purlwise	sts	stitch(es)
beg	begin/beginning	K, k	knit	R	row	tbl	through back loop
bet	between	k2tog	knit two sts together	rem	remain(ing)	tfl	through front loop
BO	bind off	kwise	knitwise	rep	repeat	tog	together
CA	color A	LH	left hand	Rev st st	reverse stockinette stitch	WE	work even
CB	color B	lps	loops	RH	right hand	WS	wrong side
CC	color C	m	meter	rnd(s)	round(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
		M1	make one stitch	RS	right side	wyif	with yarn in front
		MC	main color	sk	skip	yd(s)	yard(s)
		mm	millimeter(s)	sk2p	sl 1, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over	yfwd	yarn forward
		ndl(s)	needle(s)			yo	yarn over
		oz	ounce			yon	yarn over needle
		P up	pick up and purl			yrn	yarn around needle