

Cabled Socks

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Adorable cabled socks that cuddle your feet in good old fashioned squishy-ness. A winter classic.

Difficulty: Easy

Yarn: Knitpicks "Essential" (50g, 231 yards)

Amount Needed: 2 skeins

Needles: 2.25mm, 1US

Gauge: 14 sts per inch in cable pattern unstretched, 10 sts per inch in pattern stretched

Notions: yarn needle, scissors, cable needle

Notes: These socks are on the tighter side of sock gauge. While the purls between the cables do help the sock stretch when put on, you may want a looser gauge if you do not like snug fitting socks. If you work on dpn's, like I do, you might want to set your round up so that each needle will end with purls and not with a cable. It's a lot easier to work a cable when they are not the last stitches on the needle.

Directions:

Cast on 64 sts. Join, work in k2 p2 ribbing for 12 rnds.

Increase Round: *m1, k2, m1, p2, rep from *

Stitch Pattern:

Round 1: *C4B, p2, rep from *

Rounds 2-4: Work three rounds as they lay (knitting the knits and purling the purls)

Repeat these four rows until length desired to ankle bone, ending with a cable round.

Heel Shaping: Start your first needle by slipping the last purl stitch from your previous round back onto your working needle. Do not work it again; you are merely making your last stitch your new first stitch for the heel flap. Work across the next 8 cables as they lay, end with p1. You should now have 8 cables on your first needle, plus a purl stitch on either side (these stitches form the heel flap). The other 8 cables, plus a purl stitch on either side should be put on hold for the top of the foot. Feel free to adjust the stitches however you see fit, but we will only be working the heel flap for the time being.

Turn work.

Next Row: Slip the first stitch purlwise and work across the remaining stitches as they lay.

Decrease Row: Slip the first stitch, *k2tog 2 times, p2, rep from *, ending with a p1. (32 sts on needle).
Slipping the first stitch of every row, work in stockinette until you have 17 slipped stitches on either edge of your heel flap, or 32 more rows, ending with a purl row.

Short-row Shaping:

Row 1: Slip 1, k17, SSK, k1, turn

Row 2: Slip 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3: Slip 1, k6, SSK, k1, turn

Row 4: Slip 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue working the short rows as established until all of the stitches have been incorporated into the heel shaping. The last two rows will end with the decreases.

Next Row: On your first needle, knit across the first 8 sts. Change to a new needle and knit the remaining 8 sts. Using the same needle that contains the last 8 sts, pick up 17 sts from the side of your heel flap. On a new needle, work across the 8 cables (plus a purl stitch on either side), as they lay. Using your last needle, pick up 17 sts on the other side of the heel flap and then knit the remaining 8 sts from the short row shaping. You should have 25 sts on your first needle, the 8 cables (plus a purl stitch on either side) on your second needle, and 25 sts on your third needle.

Gusset: The gusset of these socks will be worked on needles 1 and 3 while the cable pattern should be maintained on needle 2. Every other round you will perform the gusset decreases as described below, and AT THE SAME TIME work the cables on every fourth round as previously established (you have currently completed round two of the cabling pattern). Work decreases every other row until 16 sts remain on needle 1 and 16 sts remain on needle 3.

Decrease round: Knit on first needle to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Work second needle according to cable pattern. On third needle, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle.

Continuing working cable pattern across top of foot and stockinette across bottom of foot until sock is 3 inches less than desired length, ending with a cable round.

Next Round: Work needle one plain. On needle two p1, *k2tog 2 times, p2, rep from* for remaining stitches on needle two, ending in p1. Work third needle plain.

Next Round: Knit all stitches. Work in stocking stitch until sock is 2 inches less than desired length.

Toe Decreases:

Round 1: Work to three sts from end of needle 1, k2tog, k1. k1, ssk at beginning of needle two, work to three stitches from end of needle 2, k2tog, k1. k1, ssk at beginning of needle 3

Round 2: Work plain

Continue working these two rounds until 16 sts remain. *k2tog, repeat for two entire rounds. Cut yarn, weave through stitches and secure.

Abbreviations and Techniques Used:

* – signals a repeat start or stop

C2B – cable over four stitches, holding in back (sl 2 st to cn hold in back, k next 2 sts, k 2 sts from cable needle)

cn – cable needle

k – knit, if followed by a number knit that many stitches

k2tog – knit two stitches together

m1 – make one

p – purl, if followed by a number purl that many stitches

P/U – pick up

p2tog – purl two stitches together

rep – repeat

rnds – rounds

sl – slip

ssk – slip, slip, knit

sts - stitches