

Ridiculous Ruffled Baby Socks



Finished size: 4" (10cm) foot circumference in top of toe, 3.5" (9cm) in ribbed arch, but flexes wider, for snug comfort and hopefully, no kickoffability.

Yarn used: I used 22 grams/50 yards of Louet Gems Opal (for substitution reference: sportweight yarn, 1,024 yds/lb—50 grams to 112 yards/102 meters) for these socks pictured, but as every knitter is different...so try to have a little extra, okay?

Needles used: 2.75 mm (US2) But I'm a "loose knitter" so you can probably get the gauge on US3s (3.25mm) on dpns, or desired circular method needles

Gauge: 6 sts per inch—24 sts per 10 cm/4 inches
Thus beginneth the pattern:

Short row toe:

(for clarification and photos of method, please refer to

<http://www.lanasdelibelula.com/blog/2006/12/12/technique-tuesday-short-row-toe/>)

Using crochet hook, chain 14 or 16 stitches with smooth waste yarn. In the loops of the back side of chain, pick up and knit 12 stitches with working yarn.

Purl back across row.

Knit 11 stitches, move yarn to front, slip last stitch on left needle purlwise, turn work.

Slip first stitch (again purlwise, not changing stitch orientation) and purl across 10 stitches (you will have wrapped the unworked, slipped stitch).

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Move yarn to back, slip last stitch on left needle purlwise to right needle, turn work.

Slip slipped stitch back to right needle, and knit across 9 stitches, having wrapped the slipped, unworked stitch.

Repeat this process of working one less stitch (and wrapping unworked stitch) on each side until you have 4 wrapped stitches on each side, 4 “normal” in the middle.

On the knit side, knit across to the first wrapped stitch you come to. Knit this stitch and the wrap which lies around its base through the front (from the purlwise direction) as one stitch, then bring yarn to front, slip next stitch on left needle purlwise and turn work.

Slip slipped st back to right needle (thus giving it a second wrap) and purl across to first unworked & wrapped stitch on purl side and purl that stitch on needle and the wrap around its base together as one stitch. Bring yarn to back, slip next stitch purlwise and turn work.

Slip unworked slipped stitch purlwise back to right needle and knit across to first double wrapped stitch. Knit this stitch on needle, and the wraps around its base as one stitch through the front. Bring yarn to front, slip next stitch, turn work...

Repeat this wrapping & knitting/purling process until all stitches have been worked. Unzip crochet waste yarn and place held stitches on second and third needle. Knit a round. You may wish to place markers to clearly show the sides of the toe.

The rest of the foot:

Work 3 rounds like this:

On the top of the foot, begin knit one, purl one repeat, and knit across the bottom, or sole. Begin 1x1 ribbing all around the foot, working until foot measures 3.5” (9cm). Holding half of sock stitches on a needle, (the top of foot half) repeat *short row toe process* for **heel**.

When you’re done with the heel, rejoin sections and work 1x1 ribbing for 1.25” (3cm) or preference for length of sock leg.

Ridiculous Ruffle:

Round 1: *YO, knit 1, YO, purl 1* repeat between asterisks until end of round.

Round 2: *Knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches* repeat between asterisks until end of round.

Round 3: *YO, knit 1* repeat between asterisks until end of round.

Rounds 4-8: Knit

Bind off loosely.