

Lacy Ripples Socks

Yarn: Any pretty fingering yarn. Solids or semi-solids may show the pattern best.

Needles: I started with 2.0 and increased to 2.25 and 2.5 mm over leg. Use needle to yield the gauge you wish on a 64 stitch sock.

Gauge: 8 sts per inch will yield an 8 inch circumference sock. If your foot is over nine and a quarter inches at the ball, you may want 7.5 sts per inch. If your foot is close to eight inches at the ball or smaller, you may wish 8.5 or 9 sts per inch.

Abbreviations and stitches:

k: Knit

k2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

kfb: Knit front and back. Knit the next stitch in the normal way but do not drop off needle. Twist to work a second stitch through the back loop (going purlwise into the back of the stitch). Drop original stitch off needle.

p: Purl

pfb: Purl front and back. Purl the stitch in the normal way, and then purl by coming behind back through the same stitch in the back.

ssk: Slip the next two stitches knitwise, slip them back onto the first needle and then knit them together through the back loop.

st(s): Stitch(es)

m1r and m1l: Make 1 right or Make 1 left. You can use your favorite increase here such as the lifted bar increase or the backward loop. This makes a stitch between two stitches, but you could also knit in the front and back of the stitch which falls 1 stitch before the edge of the side.

w&t: Wrap and turn. Move the yarn to the front (or back if a purl row), slip the next st. Move the yarn back (forward for purl row), slip the stitch back to the first needle and turn your work. Or use the shadow wrap method. (See below).



Toe

Judy's magic cast on 8 sts per side. (Or your favorite cast toe-up cast on.)

Row 1: *K1 m1r, K to last st, m1l, k1* each side.

Rows 2-4: Repeat row 1.

Rows 5: Repeat row 1

Row 6: Knit around.

Repeat rows 5 & 6 until 32 sts per side. (20 total rows)

(This is your gauge swatch. Check gauge here and compare to foot measurements. Now is the time to start over if necessary.)

End of Row	# of sts Side/total
1	10/20
2	12/24
3	14/28
4	16/32
5	18/36
7	20/40
9	22/44
11	24/48
13	26/52
15	28/56
17	30/60
19	32/64

Foot

Work stockinette until approximately 3 ¼ inches short of total length. Or calculate: Desired length _____ - (36 / _____ Rows per inch) = how long foot should be when starting gusset. Mark here total number worked before gusset to repeat for next sock. _____ Rows for foot.

Gusset

Rnd 1: sole – k1 m1r, knit to last st, m1l, k1; instep – k across

Rnd 2: Knit around.

Repeat these two rnds 11 more times until 56 sts on front needle. (24 rows all together).

Turn Heel

Now work only sole sts.

Row 1 – Right side: K 35, kfb, k1, wrap & turn. I used shadow wraps for the wrap & turn, as described by Alice at

<http://www.socktopus.co.uk/2011/02/short-rows-shadow-wraps/>, and they were much easier than the traditional method.

Heel Flap

Row 2 (Wrong side)	P17, pfb, p1, wrap & turn
Row 3 (Right side)	k16, kfb, k1, wrap & turn
Row 4 (Wrong side)	P15, pfb, p1, wrap & turn
Row 5 (Right side)	k14, kfb, k1, wrap & turn
Row 6 (Wrong side)	P13, pfb, p1, wrap & turn
Row 7 (Right side)	k12, kfb, k1, wrap & turn
Row 8 (Wrong side)	P11, pfb, p1, wrap & turn
Row 9 (Right side)	K10, kfb, k1, wrap & turn
Row 10 (Wrong side)	P9, pfb, p1, wrap & turn
Row 11 (Right side)	K8, kfb, k1, wrap & turn
Row 12 (Wrong side)	P7, pfb, p1, wrap & turn

Setup: Knit to end of heel stitches, across instep, and ending at the beginning of a round marker, knitting each wrapped stitch together with its wrap (or shadow with its stitch.)

Row 1 – Right side: K49 (don't forget those wrapped/shadow stitches), ssk, turn.

Row 2 – Wrong side: S1, p30, p2tog, Turn. (There should be 17 sts on each side of gaps after this row.)

Row 3 – Right side: Slip 1, *k1, S1* fifteen times, SSK, turn.

Row 4 – Wrong side: Slip 1, p30, p2tog, turn. (You are purling to 1 st before the gap and then purling 2 together over the gap.)

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until sock has 1 st before gap on each side.

Work Row 3 again, but **DO NOT TURN**. Work Instep around to beginning of round. You will have 33 sts on the heel side due to the stitch before the gap at the beginning of the row.

Next Round: K2tog to eliminate stitch and gap. Then knit around sock to beginning of round.

Leg

Work 2 rnds even then start Pattern. **Work each row of pattern** around leg 2 times.

Work all 12 rows ____ times. And work rows 1-11 once more. On the sample I worked 5 repeats and then the partial repeat which yielded a nine inch leg. I also increased needle size after the fourth repeat and after the fifth. Depending on the recipient's leg you may wish to do this for a better fit.

Leg Pattern written directions or use chart below.

Row 1 and every odd row: *k7, p2, k14, p2, k7* repeat between * on second side of sock.

Row 2: *K1, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, yo, k2, ssk, k2, p2, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k1* repeat between * on other side of sock.

Row 4: *K2, yo, k2, ssk, k1, p2, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k4, yo, k2, ssk, k1, p2, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k2* repeat between * on other side of sock.

Row 6: *K3, yo, k2, ssk, p2, k2tog, k2, yo, k6, yo, k2, ssk, p2, k2tog, k2, yo, k3* repeat between * on other side of sock.

Row 8: *K1, ssk, k2, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, yo, k2, p2, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k1* repeat between * on other side of sock.

Row 10: *K2, ssk, k2, yo, k1, p2, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2, yo, k1, p2, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, k2* repeat between * on other side of sock.

Row 12: *K3, ssk, k2, yo, p2, yo, k2, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2, yo, p2, yo, k2, k2tog, k3* repeat between * on other side of sock.

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Cuff

Work cuff for 12 rows as follows:

P1, *k2, p2* repeat between * to three stitches before end of side, ending k2, p1. Repeat for other side.

Bind off with your favorite stretchy bind off. I use a combination crochet cast off. Use a size B or C crochet hook or steel #1 or #2 instead of your working needle. While binding off enter the purl stitches as if to purl and the knit stitches as if to knit.

Make all stitches loosely. Enter first st and pull up loop (it would be as if working a purl st). Enter the next st (a knit st) and pull up a loop (in other words, knit it). Now with two loops on the crochet hook, yarn over the hook and draw through both loops loosely.

Continue around the sock by working (knitting or purling) the next stitch. Then yarn over the hook and pull loosely through both loops on hook. This will make a loose single crochet edge on the sock.

If you find that this is too tight for you, you can always adapt it by adding a chain stitch before working the next stitch on your needle.

Or use your favorite bind off – sewn bind off or Jenny’s surprisingly stretchy bind off. Googling these names will give you directions.

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