

## Spring Fling Socks

a quick (2 - 2 ½ hours) pair of socks sized for a small/med preemie -- (newborn) in parenthesis.

### Materials:

4 double point needles 2.75 mm (US 2)  
(with the tiny size, I find I can work these best with only 4)

MC: approx ½ ounce sports-weight/baby yarn

Color A/B/C: approx 10 yards contrasting sports-weight/baby yarn  
(gauge: 17 st/20 r = 2" )

### Stitch Key:

	Color
A	Parrot Green
B	Violet
C	Pink



### Instructions:

With Color A, cast on 12 (16) stitches (6 (8) on each needle). I like to hold the 2 needles parallel to each other, casting the 1st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

round 2 and 3: 1st needle: k1, inc 1, k across, inc 1, k1. 2nd needle: k1, inc 1, k across, inc 1, k1  
round 4 (newborn only): repeat previous round.  
24 (32) stitches total - 12 (16) on each needle

at this point, split work onto 3 needles - 6 (8) stitches each on #1 and #2 (top) and 12 (16) on #3 (bottom)

Change to MC  
knit 14 (20) rows  
change to Color A

#### *short row heel*

row 1: knit across first two needles. Knit across needle #3 until last stitch. wrap last stitch, turn  
(remainder of heel will be worked on bottom needle only)  
row 2: slip just-wrapped stitch and purl across stitches just worked until last stitch.  
wrap last stitch, turn.  
row 3: slip just-wrapped stitch and knit next 10 (14) stitches.  
wrap next stitch, turn.

continue in this manner until 6 (8) stitches remain unworked in the center

#### *heel turning:*

row 1: k6 (8), wrap next stitch, turn (wrapped stitch will have 2 loops)  
row 2: p7 (9), wrap next stitch, turn.  
row 3: k8 (10), wrap next stitch, turn  
continue in this manner until all stitches have been worked

#### *leg/finishing:*

round 1: knitting on all needles again, knit around with MC  
round 2: with Color B, purl around  
round 3: with MC, knit around  
round 4/5: Checkerboard - knit 2 with MC, knit 2 with Color C, around  
round 6/7: Checkerboard - knit 2 with Color C, knit 2 with MC, around  
round 8/9: with MC, knit around  
round 10: with Color B, purl around  
round 11/12: with MC, purl around  
cast off (I like to do this with a larger size needles)