

Squiggle Lace Sox

a toe-up pattern for med and large preemie

adj. for larger size in ()

materials & gauge:

♥ knitting needles – 3.25mm (us 3), or size necessary to achieve gauge

♥ DK weight yarn:

preemie small/medium: 75 yards

preemie large: 90 yards

newborn: 110 yards

gauge: 11 st = 2" in squiggle lace stitch pattern

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

decr: decrease

incr: increase

k: knit

k2tog: k 2 sts together as one

ndl (s): needle(s)

p: purl

rnd(s): round(s)

sl X: slip X sts, purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted

slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops

st(s): stitch(es)

W&T: wrap & turn



instructions:

cast on 12 (16) sts (6 (8) on each of two ndls.

easy closed end cast on: hold the 2 ndls parallel to each other. use a Simple Cast on (backwards "e"), placing one st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

1: k around. first row only, split sts onto 3 ndls 6/3/3 (8/4/4)

2: ndl 1: k1, inc 1, k to last st, inc 1, k1
ndl 2: (sole): k1, inc 1, k across

ndl 3: k to last st, inc 1, k1

repeat rows 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 (32) sts on the ndls --

ndl 1: 12 (16) ndl 2: 6 (8) ndl 3: 6 (8)

♥ k around, increasing 1 (0) st at the center of the instep sts (ndl 1)
ndl 1: 13 (16) sts

foot:

squiggle lace stitch pattern (instep only):

1: *p1, yo, ssk. repeat from * to last st on ndl 1. p1.

2: *p1, k2. repeat from * to last st on ndl 1. p1.

3: *p1, k2tog, yo. repeat from * to last st on ndl 1. p1.

4: *p1, k2. repeat from * to last st on ndl 1. p1.

work across instep sts in squiggle lace pattern and k across sole sts until foot is 2 1/2" (3"), or to desired length less 1/2" for short row heel.

last rnd worked should be rnd 1 or 3.

short row heel

1: work across ndl 1 in established st pattern.

k across ndls 2 & 3 to last st. bring yarn to front as if to purl, then slip st. (1 wrap created -- on purl rows, take yarn to back as if to knit before slipping st). turn.

(remainder of heel will be worked on sole ndls only)

2: slip just-wrapped stitch. p across sts to last st. W&T.

3: slip just-wrapped stitch. k next 9 (13) sts. W&T.

4: slip just-wrapped stitch. p next 8 (12) sts. W&T.

continue in progression, working one less k or p each turn, until 6 (8) sts remain unworked in the center

heel turning:

1: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 6 (8), W&T (wrapped st will have 2 wraps)

2: slip just-wrapped stitch. p 6 (8), W&T, turn.

3: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 7 (9), W&T, turn.

4: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 8 (10), W&T, turn

continue in progression, working one more k or p each turn, until all heel sts have been worked.

leg/finishing:

♥ working on all ndls again, knit 1 rnd, incr/decr -1 (+1) st at the end of ndl 2. You may want to redistribute the sts at this time. (24, 33 sts)

ndl 1: 8 (11) ndl 2: 8 (11) ndl 3: 8 (11)

squiggle lace stitch pattern(leg):

1: *p1, yo, ssk. repeat from * around.

2: *p1, k2. repeat from * around.

3: *p1, k2tog, yo. repeat from * around.

4: *p1, k2. repeat from * around.

♥ work in stitch pattern until leg is desired length minus 3/4".

♥ work 6 rnds p1, k2 ribbing.

♥ cast off in ribbing.

Prefer to knit these socks using circular needles?

Easily make the conversion by placing the sts from Double Point 1 onto Circular 1, then sts from Double Points 2 and 3 onto Circular 2.