

Tiger Socks

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Pictured in: Opal Rainforest Tiger.

Materials: 360 to 400 yards of fingering weight yarn

Size 2.25 mm dpns or size needed to obtain a gauge of 9 stitches and 11 rows per inch in stockinette stitch.

Tapestry needle to close the toe

- k = knit
- p = purl
- yo = yarn over
- k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
- ssk = slip 1 stitch knit wise, slip the next stitch knit wise, then knit those 2 stitches together

Cuff: Cast on 64 stitches and divide evenly onto 4 dpns (16 stitches per needle).

Join in the round being careful to not twist the stitches. Work in a 1 x 1 rib (knit 1, purl 1) for 14 rounds or desired cuff length.

On the next round:

p1, k6, p1 repeat around

Round 1: *p1, yo, k2, pass the yo over the last 2 knit stitches, k2, yo, k2, pass the yo over the 2 knit stitches, p1* repeat from * to * around

Round 2: *p1, k2, yo, k2, pass the yo, over the last k2 stitches, k2, p1* repeat from * to * around.

These 2 rounds complete the stitch pattern.

Repeat these 2 rounds for the desired length of the leg, minus about 3/4ths of an inch.

Heel set up: for the next 8 rounds work needles 1 and 4 in stockinette stitch and continue in the stitch pattern on needles 2 and 3.

Heel: worked on 32 stitches on needles 1 and 4

Decreases as follow:

- 1. knit to the last 2 stitches on needle 1, W&T (the last stitch is not worked)**
- 2. Purl to last 2 stitches on needle 4, W&T (the last stitch is not worked)**
- 3. k27, W&T**
- 4. p26, W&T**
- 5. k25, W&T**
- 6. p24, W&T**
- 7. k23, W&T**
- 8. p22, W&T**

Continue in this manner until there are 10 live stitches in the center, with 10 wrapped stitches on both sides of these 10 stitches and the end stitches unworked.

Increase for the heel as follow:

- 1. k10, knit the next stitch picking up the wrap and knitting it together with the stitch. W&T**
- 2. p11, purl the next stitch, picking up the wrap and purling them together W&T**
- 3. k12, knit the next stitch picking up the wraps and knitting it together with the stitch. W&T (you will have 2 wraps around each stitch now)**
- 4. p13, purl the next stitch, picking up the wraps and purling them together W&T**
- 5. k14, knit the next stitch picking up the wraps and knitting it together with the stitch. W&T**
- 6. p15, purl the next stitch, picking up the wraps and purling them together W&T**

Continue in this manner until all the stitches have been worked. You will wrap the last stitches also. The last row will be: k30, knit the next stitch picking up the wrap and knitting it together with the stitch. Continue with the stitch pattern across needle 2 and 3. Pick up the last wrap on needle 4 when you knit the first stitch and knit it together with the stitch. Begin knitting the foot. Needle 1 and 4 will be worked in stockinette stitch and needle 2 and 3 will continue in the stitch pattern.

Continue the foot until it measures 2 inches less then the desired total length of the foot.

Toe decreases: (the toe is worked in stockinette stitch

Decrease round

Needle 1- knit to the last 3 stitches k2tog, k1

Needle 2- k1, ssk, knit to the end

Needle 3- knit to the last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

Needle 4- k1, ssk, knit to the end

Knit 3 rounds without decreasing

Work a decrease round

Knit 2 rounds without decreasing

Work a decrease round

Knit 2 rounds without decreasing

Work a decrease round

Knit 1 round without decreasing

Repeat the last 2 rounds 2 more times

Then decrease every round until 20 stitches total remain. Knit across needle 1 with needle 4 and combine needles 2 and 3 together, (10 stitches on each needle)

Close toe and knit the second sock.