

## Baby Monkey Socks

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This pattern is adapted from the overwhelmingly popular Monkey socks by Cookie A. and was created with permission.

**Size:** 3-6 months

### Materials:

Yarn: The Loopy Ewe Solids Series (220 yards per skein), 1/2 skein. Shown in Blush.  
Needles: Set of 5 dpns, US1 (2.25mm) or size needed to obtain gauge.  
Stitch marker (optional).  
Tapestry needle.

**Gauge:** 8 sts and 10 rows to the inch in stockinette stitch.

**Note:** This pattern is written for dpns. You may use 2 circulars or Magic Loop if desired by dividing the stitches in half.

### Abbreviations:

k = knit

k2tog = knit two stitches together

k1 tbl = knit stitch through the back loop

p = purl

p2tog = purl two stitches together

RS = Right Side (public side) of work

sl = slip stitch purlwise

ssk = slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch knitwise, then knit these 2 stitches together through the back loop

WS = Wrong Side (private side) of work

yo = yarn over

yo2 = yarn over twice

**Stitch Pattern:** Worked over 18 stitches across Needles 1 and 2 only, throughout pattern (see page 3 for chart).

Round 1: K

Round 2: k1, p4, k8, p4, k1

Round 3: k1, p3, k2tog, k3, yo2, k3, ssk, p3, k1

Round 4: k1, p3, k5, k1 tbl, k4, p3, k1

Round 5: k1, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k2, yo, k3, ssk, p2, k1

Round 6: k1, p2, k12, p2, k1

Round 7: k1, p1, k2tog, k3, yo, k4, yo, k3, ssk, p1, k1

Round 8: k1, p1, k14, p1, k1

Round 9: k1, k2tog, k3, yo, k6, yo, k3, ssk, k1

Repeat Rounds 1-9 for Lace Pattern.

## Instructions

### Cuff

Loosely cast on 36 stitches using a stretchy cast on. Divide stitches evenly over 4 needles (9 stitches per needle) and join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place marker to indicate the beginning of the round, if desired.

K1, p1 across all needles for 6 rounds.

Begin lace pattern and work 2 rounds. Remember the lace pattern is worked across Needles 1 and 2 only. Knit the stitches on Needles 3 and 4.

### Heel Flap

The heel flap is worked back and forth across stitches on Needles 3 and 4. Turn work and purl stitches on Needles 3 and 4, combining them onto one needle.

Row 1: (RS)\*Sl1, k1; rep from \*.

Row 2: (WS) Sl1, p to end.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until heel flap is approximately 1.5 inches long, or desired length. End having worked Row 2.

### Heel Turn

Row 1: (RS) Sl1, k10, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 2: (WS) Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 3: Sl1, knit to 1 stitch before gap, ssk (closing gap), k1, turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, p to 1 stitch before gap, p2tog (closing gap), p1, turn work.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until all stitches are worked. Twelve stitches remain.

### Heel Gusset

Knit across 12 heel stitches and, using same dpn, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each chain stitch along heel flap edge. This is Needle 4.

Knit across Needles 1 and 2 in pattern (Round 3 of lace pattern).

With an empty dpn, pick up and knit 1 stitch in each chain stitch along heel flap. Knit 6 stitches of heel flap onto this needle. This is Needle 3.

Needles 1 and 2 are top of foot; Needles 3 and 4 are sole of foot. Round begins at center of heel, between Needles 3 and 4.

### Gusset Decrease

Round 1:

Needle 4: Knit to last 3 stitches. K2tog, k1.

Needles 1 and 2: Work stitches in lace pattern as established.

Needle 3: K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2:

Needle 4: Knit all stitches.

Needles 1 and 2: Work stitches in lace pattern as established.

Needle 3: Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 9 stitches each on Needles 3 and 4 for a total of 36 stitches.



**Foot**

Continue lace pattern as established on Needles 1 and 2 and knit all stitches on Needles 3 and 4 until foot is half an inch less than desired total length. Knit one round.

**Toe Decreases**

Round 1:

Needle 4: Knit to last 3 stitches. K2tog, k1.

Needle 1: K1, ssk, knit to end.

Needle 2: Knit to last 3 stitches. K2tog, k1.

Needle 3: K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2:

Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until there are 20 stitches remaining, ending with Round 2. There are 5 stitches on each needle. Combine stitches on Needles 1 and 2 onto Needle 1. Combine stitches on Needles 3 and 4 onto Needle 3. Graft stitches to close toe. Make second sock.

**Lace Pattern Chart**

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**Legend:**

- knit**  
knit stitch

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- purl**  
purl stitch

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- k2tog**  
Knit two stitches together as one stitch

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- yo**  
Yarn Over

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- ssk**  
Slip one stitch as if to knit, Slip another stitch as if to knit. Insert left-hand needle into front of these 2 stitches and knit them together

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- knit tbl**  
Knit stitch through back loop

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