

## Crocus Toe-Up Socks



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(This pattern assumes that you have some experience in sock knitting, and is probably not a good choice for the beginning sock knitter.)

You will need approx.  
**100 grams of sock yarn.**  
**Size 2 Needles**  
**1 Tapestry needle**  
**1 Crochet hook.**

**Pattern** This pattern is an easy to memorize pattern and works up fast. The chart is below.

## Crocus Toe Up Socks - 28 stitches

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### Legend:

**knit**  
knit stitch

**yo**  
Yarn Over

**p3tog**  
Purl three stitches together as one

**p2tog**  
Purl 2 stitches together

Repeat rows 1 – 12 throughout.

**Begin by Casting on** 14 stitches, using your favorite cast on for toe up socks. I prefer the **“Judy Becker Magic Cast-On”** and you can find instructions on doing it if you do a Google search. (You will actually have a total of 28 stitches, 14 for the instep of the sock and 14 for the sole of the sock). I prefer to use the Magic Loop method, doing 2 socks at once. You are free to use whatever method works best for you.

**Toe shaping:** (you will be knitting in the round)

Round 1: knit all stitches around

Round 2: knit in the front and back of the *first and last stitches* of the instep, and again on the sole, for a total of 4 increases.

Round 3: Knit all stitches around

Round 4: k1, m1R, k across top of sock, until 1 stitch remains m1L, k1. Repeat on sock bottom for a total of 4 increases.

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until there are 56 stitches total are on the needle, (28 on the instep and 28 on the sole).

**Work foot:** Continue to work in the round, working the **pattern chart above** on ONLY the instep part of the foot, until you achieve the total foot length you want **BEFORE** the gusset increases. The gusset will begin when the measurement from the toe is **2 ½” less** than what you want the total length of your sock to be.

**Begin gusset** by knitting across instep stitches, and then increase one stitch on each side on the *sole stitches*. Increase as for toe increases *every other row* until you have increased 10 to 12 stitches on each side of the sole. You will still be working in the round, but only increasing the sole stitches, NOT the instep stitches.

Work **heel** as follows: Place a marker in the *exact center* of the heel stitches to mark the center. You will now work only on the sole part of the sock, and let the instep stitches rest. Begin on the knit side of the sole.

Row 1: Slip the first stitch, k to 4 stitches past the center marker. SSK, k1, turn.

Row 2: Slip the first stitch, p8, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1, k9, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 5: Slip 1, k11, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 6: Slip 1, p12, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue in this manner, working back and forth until all of the extra stitches from the gusset increases are worked and you again have 28 stitches on your needle. Repeat with other sock (if you are knitting magic loop, 2 at a time).

**Work Leg:** Work in the round, again working the above pattern on both the front and back of the leg of the sock. (If you find that you have a hole where your heel joins, just pull up a stitch from the row below, twist it on your needle, and knit together with the next stitch on the round where you are working. This will close the hole). Continue knitting the pattern in the round until you are a couple inches shorter than the total desired length of your sock. Knit 2 inches of k2, p2 ribbing.

Bind off *loosely*, using the Elizabeth Zimmerman sewn bind-off. I have found this bind-off to be the stretchiest bind-off I've used. Again, you can Google to find instruction on how to do this bind-off.

With a crochet hook, weave in the ends, and then block the socks as you would normally do.

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