

Ribbed Diamonds Toe-Up Socks



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(This pattern assumes that you have some working knowledge in sock knitting, and is not for beginner sock knitter.)

You will need **US size 0 needles**. (I use one 32" or 40" long circular needle, and use the magic loop method, knitting 2 socks at once.) You could use five size 2 double point needles in the traditional way of knitting socks. Here is a link showing how to do magic loop. (<http://www.wonderhowto.com/how-to/video/how-todomagicloop-knitting-4601/view/>) You can also google 'knitting magic loop' for more information.

In addition to the size 0 knitting needle, you will need approx. **100 grams of sock yarn**. (I never use the full amount of yarn, but some people need to.)

You will also need: **1 Crochet hook**.

My gauge for these socks is **9 stitches per inch, and 10 rows per inch in stockinette stitch**. I used **Knitpicks Bare sock yarn that I hand dyed**.

The pattern is simple knit and purls, and I have charted it out for you.

Chart for the Ribbed Diamonds Toe Up Socks...based on 33 stitches

Ribbed Diamonds

	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
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Legend:

- knit
knit stitch
- purl
purl stitch

Created in Knit Visualizer (www.knitfoundry.com)

Notes:

Pattern:

R1 (RS): k, p, k, p7, k, p, k, p7, k, p, k, p7, k, p, k
R2: k, p, k, p7, k, p, k, p7, k, p, k, p7, k, p, k
R3: k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p, k
R4: k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p, k
R5: k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k
R6: k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k
R7: k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k
R8: k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k, p, k
R9: k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k
R10: k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k, p2, k, p, k
R11: k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p, k
R12: k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p3, k, p, k, p3, k, p, k

Begin by casting on 14 stitches, using your favorite cast on for toe up socks.

I use the Judy Becker Magic Cast-on for my toe up socks. Cat Bordhi has an EXCELLENT tutorial at YouTube. She is 'silly' in the way she teaches, but she gets the idea across and it's so easy to follow her. She uses 2 circulars in her tutorial instead of 1 circular (ie. magic loop), but it's the same concept as using one long circular. The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhBIS0AhhQY> or you can google Cat Bordhi if this link doesn't work for some reason.

You can use either 1 long circ. needle, or 5 dbl point needles depending on your preference for sock knitting. (*I use one long circ. needle, aka magic loop so if you cast on 14 stitches, you would have 14 stitches on each needle, for a total of 28 per sock.* Once you have completed the Judy Becker Magic Cast on, you are all set to begin knitting in the round.



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* (per needle) to increase the toe if using Magic loop method

(If using 5 dbl point needles, k in the front and back of the first stitch on needle 1, the last stitch of needle 2, the first stitch of needle 3, and the last stitch of needle 4) I have found that by doing the first round of increase stitches this way the 'rabbit ears' that you get if you do a k2, m1 increase on the first increase round are eliminated.

Round 3:Knit all stitches around

Round 4: If using 1 long circ. needle k2, m1R, k across needle, until 2 stitches remain, m1L, k2. Repeat on second needle.

(If using 5 dbl point needles, on needle 1- knit 2 m1R, knit across: needle 2- knit to last 2 stitches and m1L, k2. Needle 3 - same as needle 1, needle 4- same as needle 2)

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until until there is a total of 65 stitches for each sock, **33 on the instep and 32 on the sole.** (You need an even number of stitches on the sole so that the heel will come out even. We will later increase to 33 stitches for the back of the leg so that the pattern chart can be worked on both front and back)

Work foot: Continue to work in the round, using the above charted pattern until you achieve 2 ½" **LESS** than the total foot length you need.

Begin gusset by knitting across instep stitches, continuing to work the charted pattern, 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 - 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. Be sure to continue to work across the instep stitches in the charted pattern.

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, p to 4 stitches past the center marker, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1, k to 5 stitches past the center marker, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, p to 5 stitches past the center marker, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 5: Slip 1, k to 6 stitches past the center marker, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 6: Slip 1, p to 6 stitches past the center marker, 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 a total of **33 stitches** on the sole/heel part of the sock. (You need 33 stitches so that you can work the chart pattern up the back of the leg.) Now you will work in the round again, working the chart on the front and the back of the sock leg. If you find that you have a hole where your heel joins the instep, 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 up the hole). Continue knitting the leg of the sock until it is a couple inches shorter than the total desired length, and then decrease each front and back by one stitch, making 32 stitches (64 total) so that you can knit 2 inches of k2 ribbing. (k1, *p2, k2* across, ending with a k1.)

Bind off loosely. I used “Jeny’s Surprisingly Stretchy Bindoff” for these socks, and am very happy with the results. (***It is my very favorite way to bind off toe up socks***) You need to have a very stretchy cuff, so be sure to use a stretchy bindoff, or else your cuff will not fit over your foot. There is a video showing Jeny’s bindoff here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBhe-JYmgl&feature=related>.

With a crochet hook, weave in the ends, and then block the socks as normal.

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