

SnowDaze Toe Up Socks

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

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These socks were created during a Montana Winter Blizzard. Sure helped to pass the time to be working out stitches, and getting everything to work the way I wanted.

You will need **US size 1 needles**. (I used one 40" long circular needle, and used the magic loop method, knitting 2 socks at once.) You could use five size 1 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-to-domagic-loop-knitting-4601/view/>) You could also google 'knitting magic loop' for more information.

You will need approx. **100 grams of sock yarn**. (I never use the full amount of Yarn as I have small feet, but some people need to use it all.) I used KnitPicks Bare sock yarn. My gauge is 8 spi for these socks.

The pattern: I have made a chart for you to follow.

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Legend:

knit

□ RS: knit stitch
WS: purl stitch

purl

● RS: purl stitch
WS: knit stitch

yo

○ RS: Yarn Over
WS: Yarn Over

sl1 k2tog psso

∧ RS: slip 1, k2tog, pass slip stitch over k2tog
WS: <none defined>

p2tog

∧ RS: Purl 2 stitches together
WS: 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

k2tog

∧ RS: knit two stitches together as one stitch
WS: Purl 2 stitches together

ssk

∧ RS: 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
WS: Purl two stitches together in back loops, inserting needle from the left, behind and into the backs of the 2nd & 1st stitches in that order

Created in Knit Visualizer (www.knitfoundry.com)

Notes:

Pattern:

R1 (RS): k2, p, k3, p2, k, p, k4, p, k, p2, k3, p, k2
R2 (WS): p2, k, yo, p3togb, yo, p3, k, p3, yo, p3togb, yo, p3, k, p3, yo, p3togb, yo, k, p2
R3: k2, p, k3, p2, k, p, k9, p, k, p2, k3, p, k2
R4: p2, k, k2tog, yo, p4, k, p2, yo, p2tog tbl, p, p2tog, yo, p2, k, p4, yo, k2tog, k, p2
R5: k2, p, k3, p2, k, p, k9, p, k, p2, k3, p, k2
R6: p2, k, yo, p3togb, yo, p3, k, p, yo, p2tog tbl, p3, p2tog, yo, p, k, p3, yo, p3togb, yo, k, p2
R7: k2, p, k3, p2, k, p, k9, p, k, p2, k3, p, k2
R8: p2, k, k2tog, yo, p4, k, yo, p2tog tbl, p2, k, p2, p2tog, yo, k, p4, yo, k2tog, k, p2

Begin by casting on 28 stitches, using your favorite cast on for toe up socks.

This is the cast-on I use: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBSepKDsVTk>

It is called Judy's Magic Cast-on.

You can use either 1 long circ. needle, or 5 dbl point needles depending on your

preference for sock knitting. *(I use one long circular. needle, aka magic loop so if you cast on 28 stitches, you would have 14 stitches on each needle, per sock.* Once you have completed the Judy's Magic Cast-on, you are all set to begin knitting in the round.

Toe shaping: (you will now begin 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 4 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) Here is a link showing how I do my m1R and m1L:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72GY3tO20RA&feature=related>

Repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you have a total of 56 stitches for each sock.



Work foot: **INCREASE 1 stitch** on the instep of each sock so that you have 29 stitches for the pattern stitch.... *I increased after the 14th stitch so that I had what looked like a yo there. I picked up a stitch, using the 'bar' between the 2 stitches, and then purled that stitch.*

Work in the round until you achieve the total foot length you want *BEFORE* the gusset increases, **working the above pattern on ONLY the instep part of the foot**. The sole should be worked in plain stockinette stitch. You will now be working on 29 stitches for the instep, and 28 stitches for the sole of your socks.

The gusset will begin when the measurement from the toe is 2 1/2" less than what you want the total length of your sock foot 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 stitches on *each* side of the sole. Note: You will still be working in the round, working the pattern on only the instep, and increasing only the sole stitches.

Work **heel** as follows:

After completing the gusset increases, you are ready to turn the heel.

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 for now. 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, p10, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Slip 1, k11, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, p12, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 5: Slip 1, k13, SSK, k1, turn.

Row 6: Slip 1, p14, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue in this manner, working back and forth until all of the extra stitches from the gusset increases are worked and the original number of stitches are on your needle again. It's so easy!

Leg: When you are back to the original number of stitches (28 stitches) **INCREASE 1 stitch on each heel so that you are working on 29 stitches**. Now, begin working in the round again, working the above pattern on the instep stitches and stockinette stitches on the heel stitches. Work this way until you have completed round 8 of the instep pattern, and then begin the above pattern on the back of the leg/heel also. **INCREASE after the 14th stitch as for instep**. Knit the leg until it's 2 inches shorter than the total desired length.

DECREASE 1 stitch on the front and back of each sock so that you are again working on 28 stitches, and then knit 2 inches of k2, p2 ribbing. I decreased in the center of the pattern.

Bind off loosely. I used "Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bindoff" for these socks, and am very happy with the results. 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 this bindoff here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBhe-JYmgI&feature=related>

Weave in the ends, and then block the socks as you normally would.