



Lizzie's Lacy Rib Socks

These Lacy Rib socks were designed especially for yarns with less memory like Mohair, Alpaca, Cotton and Cotton blends but the lacy yet firm rib works great with ANY sock yarn!

For the samples I used (L to R) Childs 6.5" in Paton's Kroy, Adult 7" in Mountain Colors Bearfoot and adult 8" in Brown Sheep Cotton Fine

Construction: Top Down with 5 needles, Magic Loop or method of choice

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch

Needle: US #1.5 (2.5 mm) or size to obtain gauge

Cuff sizes: toddler 5.5" (child 6.5" – adult 7" – adult 8" – adult 9" - adult 10" – adult 11")

Note: Because of the wide range of sizes offered, should you prefer a tighter gauge, you can still knit the pattern as written; just choose a larger size than indicated.

For example if you would normally choose a adult 7" cuff at a gauge of 8 sts/ inch choosing the adult 9" pattern knit at a gauge of 9.5 – 10 sts/ inch would produce the same "sized" sock with a denser fabric.

Pattern:

Worked over multiple of 7 stitches and 4 rows

Round 1: *K5, P2* repeat to end

Round 2: *K5, P2* repeat to end

Round 3: *K2 tog, yo, K1, yo, SKP, P2* repeat to end

Round 4: *K5, P2* repeat to end

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern

Ribbing and Leg:

I always cast on using a needle one size larger for a stretchy cast on. My preferred cast on is the German Twisted Cast On but any stretchy cast on can be substituted

Cast on 42 (48 – 56 – 64 – 76 – 84 - 88) stitches. Join in a ring being careful not to twist.

Work 2 x 2 rib 12 rows.

Once ribbing has been completed, correct stitch count for leg pattern by increasing or decreasing to obtain the correct number of stitches for the pattern repeat thusly: 42 (**49** – 56 – **63** – **77** – 84 - **91**)

Beginning with round one of pattern, knit leg stitches until desired leg height is reached. Suggested pattern repeats are: 8 (10 – 15 – 15 – 17 – 17- 19)

Work 8 rounds in stockinette stitch before dividing for heel.

Begin Heel:

Suggested heel is the Yarn Over Short Row Heel with mini-flap and gusset. This creates a deeper heel cup for a better fit.

Heel of choice can be substituted as desired.

Heel is worked over 21 (24 – 28 – 32 – 38 – 42 - 45) stitches.

Working back and forth in stockinette stitch, work 2 (2 – 4 – 6 – 10 – 12 - 14) rows even for mini-flap.

Work YO Short Row heel decreases until 8 (9 – 10 – 12 – 14 – 15 - 16) stitches remain unworked.

Work YO Short Row increases until back to original stitch count.

Resume working in the round, picking up stitches along each mini-flap for the gusset.

Pick up 2 (2 – 4 - 6 – 10- 12 – 14) stitches on EACH gusset edge.

Sock Foot:

Continue knitting in stockinette stitch rounds, decreasing one stitch at gusset every other round until back to original stitch count or desired circumference.

Continue knitting until foot is approximately 1 (1 – 1.5 – 2 - 2 – 2.5) inches from end of toes. Suggested approximate lengths: 5 (5.5 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10- 10) inches.

Shape Toe:

If using 5 DPNs:

Round 1:

Needle 1: Knit until the last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit around.

Needle 3: Knit until the last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1

Needle 4: K1, SSK, knit around.

Round 2: Knit around

For Magic Loop or 2 circs

Round 1:

Front needle: K1, SSK, knit to last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1, turn

Back needle: repeat as for front needle.

Round 2: Knit around

Continue decreasing every other row until you have approximately 20 (20 - 24 – 24 - 28 – 32 - 32) stitches remaining then decrease every row until 12(12 -20- 20- 24 – 28 - 28) remain.

Graft remaining stitches.