

Yarndale Barbara Socks – YouTube Talking Socks Version

Pattern by Joanne Whitehead, adapted by Emma.

Will fit most as the foot length is adjustable.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

25cm 3mm circular knitting needle

100g ball of 4ply sock wool

3mm dpn needles

Stitch markers

Pattern

Part One: Cast On

Using one of your dpns cast on 60 stitches (sts).

Part Two: Cuff

Using your circular needle work the first row of the rib. K2, P2

Join the round being careful not to twist the sts and continue K2, P2 rib for 16 rounds.

Part Three: Knit

The first row after the Cuff is a decrease row: (K5, K2tog) 8 times, K to end of round. (52sts)

Work 50 rounds knitting every round. I like to do two stripes of each colour which is usually a bit less than 50.

Part Four: Heel Flap

Using one of your dpns K13, turn work and using another of your dpns P26. Leave the remaining 26 sts on your circular needle tucking the ends of the needle inside the sock.

Turn your work so that you're on a knit side.

Row 1: *with yarn at back of work sl1P, K1 repeat from * to end. Turn work.

Row 2: With yarn in front sl1P, P to end. Turn.

Repeat 2nd & 3rd rows 12 times more. (24 more rows in total).

Part Five: Heel Turn

Using dpns.

Row 1: (right side): K15, sl1, K1, pssso, K1, turn. (pssso stands for pass slip stitch over)

Row 2: sl1P, P5, P2tog, P1 turn.

Row 3: sl1P, K to 1 st before gap made on 2nd row, sl1, K1, pssso (1st from

each side of gap), K1 turn.

Row 4: sl1P, P to 1 st before gap made on 3rd row, P2tog, P1, turn.

Rep rows 3 & 4 until all heel sts have been worked, ending with a wrong side row. 16 sts.

Part Six: Pick Up Stitches

Using dpns K across 16 heel sts, pick up 14 sts evenly down side edge of heel making sure to pick up last st into corner to avoid a hole.

Using a second dpn K26 sts from circular needle.

Using a third dpn pick up and K14 sts evenly up side edge of heel,

Part Seven: Gusset (decrease)

Start knitting back onto your circular needle as follows.

K to 3 sts before the end of the second dpn. K2tog , K1 and place stitch marker.

K to end of third dpn and place marker. K1, sl1, K1, pssso, K until all stitches are back on your circular needle. K to first stitch marker.

Round 1: Slip marker, K to next marker, slip marker and knit to 3 sts before next marker.

Round 2: K2tog, K1, slip marker. Knit to next marker, slip marker, K1, sl1, K1, pssso and K to marker.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until 52 sts remain.

Part Eight: Knit that Foot

Work every round knit until foot measures 16.5 cm (or length to fit foot up to point where your toes start).

Part Nine: Toe (decrease)

Round 1: K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, K1. Slip marker.

K1, sl1, K1 pssso, K to 3sts before next marker K2tog, K1. Slip marker. K1, sl1, K1, pssso, K to marker.

Round 2: Slip marker, K to next marker. Slip marker.

Rep rounds 1 & 2 until 24 sts remain. At some point you will need to knit onto dpns as there won't be enough stitches to stretch around the circular needle.

Part Ten: Kitchener Stitch

To start:

Front P on

Back K on

Then:

1. Front K off
2. Front P on
3. Back P off
4. Back K on