

The Little Summer Lace Socks

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So, It's summer and I was craving some comfy little socks. Since I love lace, and since I love short socks – I've challenged myself to create a variety of original lace ankle sock patterns – this is the first of what I hope will be many!

Requires; 2.75 mm double pointed needles
fingering weight (sock) yarn (mine use handspun lambs wool)
two stitch markers
stitch holder if desired

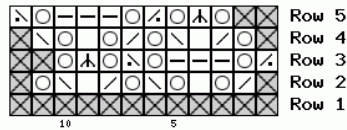
Techniques; Toe up, worked in the round, short row heel

Abbreviations;

k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	knit two together
ssk	slip two stitches knitwise, knit two slipped sts together
yo	yarn over
p2tog	purl two stitches together
p2togtbl	purl two stitches together through back loop
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch, increasing one

*This lace is based on the 'string of beads' pattern found in
Traditional Knitted Lace Shawls by Martha Waterman*

I wanted to see how it would look offset and with the white space removed.



Legend

- k (knit)
- p (purl)
- yo (yarnover)
- × ns (no stitch)
- ↖ ssk (slip, slip knit)
- ↗ ssp (slip, slip purl)
- ↘ k2tog (knit two together)
- ↙ p2tog (purl two together)
- ⤴ s2kp (slip two together, knit one, pass two slipped stitches over)

Written Summer Lace Pattern;

- Round 1 -k1(k2tog,yo,k1,yo,ssk,yo,k2tog,k1,ssk,yo) repeat twice, end k1
- Round 2 -(p2tog,yo,p3,yo,p2togtbl,yo,[slip2,k1,p2slippedstitchesover],yo) repeat twice, end k2
- Round 3 -k1(yo,k2tog,k1,ssk,yo,k2tog,yo,k1,yo,ssk) repeat twice, end k1
- Round 4 -k2(yo,[slip2,k1,psso],yo,p2tog,yo,p3,yo,p2togtbl)

Please disregard Row 1 – the pattern is Row 2 to Row 5 repeated twice across the instep sts.

The Toe

- Cast on 8 stitches. Knit into these sts and into the cast on edge to create a round. (16 sts)
- Work an increase round as follows; *knit first stitch, knit into front and back (kfb) of next stitch. Knit to two stitches before midway point (in this round, 4 sts), kfb, k1, pm.* repeat from * to *
- Work two more increase rounds (28 sts)
- Work increase round every other round, three times. (knit one round, increase round) x3 (40 sts)
- Work increase round every third round, two times. (knit two rounds, increase round) x2 (48 sts)

The Foot

Lace Pattern Note; The lace chart shows 'no stitch' at the edges of the chart. At the beginning and the end (not between the repeats) these sts must be worked as knit stitches to square up the pattern.

Round 2 (first pattern round) has a knit stitch at the beginning and one knit stitch at the end of the patterning.

Round 3 (second pattern round) has no knit stitch at the start but two knit stitches at the end of the patterning.

Round 4 (third pattern round) has one knit stitch at the beginning and one at the end.

Round 5 (fourth pattern round) has two knit stitches at the beginning of the round and no knit stitches at the end.

- Knit one stitch and place marker for new beginning of round.
- Beginning with chart row 2, working from right to left, work chart over 22 instep stitches and work stocking stitch over 26 sole stitches. Keep markers on each side of lace pattern to mark beginning of row and beginning of sole stitches.
- Work 15 pattern repeats (60 rounds) or about 2" less than foot length. You may want to try these on as you go to check length.
- Once you have knit the desired length you are ready to begin the heel. The heel begins with the last pattern round of the foot. (Round 4) Instep stitches may be kept on the double pointed needle or placed on a holder depending on your preference.

The Short Row Heel

Work a short row heel using the 26 sole sts, as follows;

- Knitting across round 4 of the foot, stop short of the last sole stitch and turn
- Yarn over and purl across the sole sts stopping short of the last stitch. Turn.
- Knit to the stitch just before the wrapped pair (three stitches unworked) and turn, wrapping and working back as before. Leaving three sts unworked (the paired wrap and the first sts), turn and continue working in this manner (leaving wrapped sts aside each row) until 8 sts are unworked between wraps

Work the second half of the short row heel as follows;

- knit across to first wrapped pair. Knit the knit stitch and correct the mount of the wrap. Knit the wrap together with the next stitch. Turn
- Yo and purl to the first wrap. Slip wrap and the next stitch knitwise and then purl them together through the back loop. Turn
- Knit across to the two wraps and correct the mounts of the wraps, one at a time. K3tog. Turn
- Purl across to the two wraps and slip three stitches knitwise, purl three together through back loops. Turn.
- Continue in this manner until all stitches have been recovered. The final wraps will be worked with the first and last stitches of the instep on the first ankle row.

The Ankle

- Work four rounds of pattern (One pattern repeat) as follows; Over 22 instep stitches as before, knitting first stitch together with wrap and also last stitch together with wrap on first round), k2, lace pattern over center 22 stitches of heel as for instep, k2.
- Knit two rounds
- Work 5 rounds (k2,p2) ribbing
- Cast off VERY LOOSELY

