

# Erica's Vanilla Sock Pattern

### **YARN**

Size 4 worsted weight yarn Queensland Coastal Cotton: Celeste 100g (MC), Watermelon 20g (CC) (NOTE: You will have enough yarn to knit two pairs of shorty socks in opposite colors if you use two 100g skeins!)

#### GAUGE

Approximately 5 sts per inch, 6 rows per inch (in stockinette)

### **SIZES**

Pattern includes: Small (Medium, Large) Circumference 8"-9" (9-10", 10-11")

### **NEEDLES**

DPNs: US4/3.5mm and US5/3.75mm

## Abbreviations

**St**- stitch (sts - stitches)

CO - Cast on

K - Knit

P - Purl

**SL** - Slip stitch \*Slip stitches purlwise with yarn in back

**SSK** - Slip Slip Knit. Slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at a time, then knit the 2 slipped stitches together through the back loop.

PM - place marker

**SM** - slip marker

MC - main color

CC - contrast color

**K2tog** - Knit 2 sts together

**P2tog** - Purl 2 sts together

**Instep** - Front/top of the sock

**Sole** - Back/bottom of the sock

**RS** - right side of work

**WS** - wrong side of work



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**CUFF** 

Using US4/3.5mm needles and MC,

CO 40 (48, 56) sts.

(I used a German Twisted cast on.)

Separate your stitches as indicated:

Needle 1: 10 (12, 14) sts Needle 2: 10 (24, 28) sts Needle 3: 20 (12, 14) sts

Rounds 1-12: \*K2, P2\* repeat around

**LEG** 

Change to US 5/3.75mm needles.

Continue in stockinette stitch pattern until leg is desired length. I knit 10 rows for a short sock.

## SLIP STITCH HEEL FLAP

**Switching to CC,** you will work the heel flat across half of the total stitches 20 (24, 28) using needles 1 and 3. PM, then Knit across needle 1 with needle 3 so 20 (24, 28) stitches are now on needle 3. Knit 1 stitch on needle 2 and leave yarn there. Do not cut MC. Leave instep stitches on needle 2 and secure in place with needle stoppers while working heel.

**Set up row (WS):** Join CC and P across needle 3. **Row 1 (RS):** \*SL 1 purlwise with yarn in back, K1\* repeat across row.

**Row 2 (WS):** SL 1 purlwise with yarn in front, P across row.

\* Repeat rows 1 and 2 for a total of 10 (12,14) times. You will have 20 (24, 28) rows on your heel flap. Knit heel turn as shown below, SM as needed.

## **HEEL TURN**

**Row 1 (RS):** SL 1 purlwise, K 10 (12,14), SSK, K1, turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** SL 1 purlwise, P3, P2tog, P1, Turn. **Row 3 (RS):** SL 1 purlwise, K to 1 St before gap, SSK, K1, turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** SL 1 purlwise, P to 1st St before gap, P2tog, P1, Turn.

\* Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches on the heel have been worked. You will have 12 (14,16) sts remaining.

#### **GUSSET**

S11, Knit across 6 (7, 8) sts of your Heel Turn using **CC**, SM, K across the remaining 6 (7, 8) stitches of your Heel Turn.

With a spare needle, pick up 10 (12, 14) stitches along the side of the Heel Flap. Knit across the picked up stitches using **CC**. Cut **CC** leaving a 6" tail to weave in later.

**Switch to MC.** The MC yarn should be waiting for you! Remember the first stitch has already been knit, so just slip it, then continue to Knit across the instep stitches.

With the spare needle pick up 10 (12, 14) stitches along the side of the Heel Flap. Knit across the picked up stitches. Continue to Knit across needle 3 to the marker, remove the marker.

Slip the stitches left of the marker on to needle #1.

You should now be back to your initial setup of 3 needles.

**Round 1:** K to 3 sts before the instep begins, K2tog, K1. Knit across instep. K1, SSK, Knit to marker.

Round 2: K all sts

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have decreased your stitches back to your starting count 40 (48, 56).

#### **FOOT**

K around using MC until sock reaches 1-1/2 (1-3/4, 2) shorter than your desired length.



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## **TOE**

Switch to CC

Round 1: K around using CC K to 3 sts before instep K2tog, K1 K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts of instep K2tog, K1. K1, SSK, K to end of round.

Round 2: K all sts

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 20 (24, 48) sts remain. Repeat round 1 until 12 stitches remain.

Knit sts from needle 1 onto needle 3 so you have two needles with 6 stitches on each needle.

Use Kitchener Stitch to close the toe.

## KITCHENER STITCH

First stitch on each needle: P front leave it on

K back leave it on

K front take it off P front leave it on P back take it off K back leave it on

repeat

Last stitch on each needle:

K *front* take it off P *back* take it off

Weave in your ends and enjoy!



