

Spinner's Socks

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Techniques used:

Turkish Cast On
Magic Loop
Toe-up Socks
Entrelac

Size:

Women's Small (Medium, Large, X-Large)

Materials Needed:

[Crystal Palace Taos](#) 2 (2, 3, 3) skeins
US Size 6 circular needles (extra long needles are needed – 29" will work but 35-40 inches are better)
Stitch markers
One double point needle (US size 6)

Gauge:

6.5 sts & 8.5 rows per inch



Pattern:

Turkish CO 6 sts, leaving a 12- to 18-inch tail. Do a second set next to the first set with the second ball of yarn. (If you want a rounder toe, CO 8 sts per sock)

Knit one full round on both socks. (Note: When you knit across your CO stitches and you begin to knit the second needle, you should drop the first stitch of each sock. This is the loop you made to start with. This eliminates the knot, and you will now have the same number of loops for both socks on both needles.)

Knit one-half round of both socks. (You should be where the tail of the yarn is. Pickup and knit with both the yarn and the tail for one full round (pulling two loops of yarn through each stitch), PM (This will now become the beginning and end of each round.)

Note: You have just double increased all of your stitches. You should now have two groups of 12 stitches on each needle.

Knit one full round through each loop.

Begin Toe Increases:

Round 1: *K2, M1, knit across to the last two stitches, M1, K2* - repeat from * to * 3 times to complete round.

Round 2: Knit one full round

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 36 (44, 52, 60) total stitches for each sock.

Continue knitting in the round until sock measures ½ the length of your foot.

Begin the Cuff:

Round 1: Knit one full round.

Round 2: K6, M1, K6 (10, 14, 18), M1, K6 – repeat from * to * 3 times

(You should have four groups of 20 (24, 28, 32) stitches on your needles)

You now have to do something different, depending on the sock size you are knitting:

Small, Rounds 3-5: Knit

Medium Round 3: *K12, M1, K12* – repeat from * to * 3 times.

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Large Round 3: *K9, M1, K10, M1, K9* – repeat from * to * 3 times.

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Medium Round 3: *K10, M1, K12, M1, K10* – repeat from * to * 3 times.

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Turn sock inside out. (Since the cuff folds over, the inside becomes the outside.)

IMPORTANT: Carefully study the position of your needles and your last stitch. By turning the sock inside out, the needles have reversed. You must adjust your thought process for this one, as you will have to start the next row on the back needle and looking at the inside of the sock. Make sure you pull the needle that had the last stitch to use in your right hand and that you are actually going to work the correct stitch sequence. You should also notice that the purl side of the last 5 rows will show on the top of the cuff when folded over, and the knit side will be underneath.

Entrelac:

You will be working a 5-stitch repeat for this Entrelac pattern. Entrelac is like stockinette, in that the knit stitches will show on the outside and the purl stitches will be on the inside. Remember you are now working the cuff so that the knit stitches are on the outside of your knitting and the purl stitches are on the inside of your knitting.

Foundation Row:

*P2, turn

K2, turn

P3, turn

K3, turn

P4, turn

K4, turn

P5*

Repeat from * to * until you have finished a full round

You now have small triangles in place around the sock, and we now begin the first of three rectangular rows.

Note: If you wanted to dramatically change the look of the sock, you could change to a different color for this round, change back to your main color for the second row of rectangles, and so on...

First Row of Rectangles:

-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first triangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Purl them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO

*-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first rectangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Knit them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO*

Repeat from * to * for one full round

Second Row of Rectangles:

-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first rectangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Knit them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO

*-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first triangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Purl them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K4, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P3, sl 1 purlwise, P1, PSSO*

Repeat from * to * for one full round

Third Row of Rectangles:

-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first rectangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Purl them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO

*-PU 5 sts along raw edge of first rectangle (Use the separate DP needle for this) and Knit them off using your working needle from the circulars, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO, turn

-sl 1 purlwise, P4, turn

-sl 1 knitwise, K3, sl 1 knitwise, K1, PSSO*

Repeat from * to * for one full round

Bind Off, picking up stitches along the edge of the rectangles as necessary to allow bindoff along edge.

Block sock by dampening the socks and pinning the tips of the rectangles to your blocking board and pulling down and pinning the body of the sock to exaggerate the tips. Let dry completely before removing pins.

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