

Cable Rib Socks

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These socks are a fun combo of tiny cables and 2/2 rib. The cables gradually form a point on the front of the socks and start from a point on the back of the socks. The pattern looks much more complex than it is, and you can use a solid sock yarn if you really want the cables to pop!

FINISHED SIZE: 5¼" circumference and 9" long from back of heel to tip of toe, unstretched.

YARN: CYCA #1 super fine. Schoppel-Wolle Zauberball Crazy (75% wool, 25% nylon; 459 yd [420 m]/100 g): #1699 blue/lavender/white, 1 ball. Yarn distributed by Skacel.

NEEDLES: Size 1 (2.25 mm): 40" circular (cir) (for Magic Loop) or set of 4 or 5 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Markers (m); cable needle (cn); tapestry needle.

GAUGE: 48 sts and 44 rnds = 4" in patt, unstretched.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate.

SOCK

Toe

Using the Middle Eastern Cast-On method (see Glossary), CO 24 sts. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd. **Next rnd:** K12, pm, k12. **Next rnd:** *K1, M1, knit to 1 st before m, M1, k1; rep from * once more—4 sts inc'd. Work 1 rnd even. Rep last 2 rnds 9 more times—64 sts.

Foot

Work Row 1 of Foot chart to m, knit to end of rnd. Cont in patt until piece measures 6½" from CO, or 2½" less than desired total foot length, ending with Row 3 of chart.

Gusset

Rnd 1: Work in patt to m, k1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—2 sts inc'd.

Rnd 2: Work in patt to m, knit to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 twelve more times—90 sts; 32 instep sts and 58 sole sts. Work in patt (Row 3 of chart) to m.

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Turn heel

NOTE: Heel is worked back and forth on last 58 sts of rnd.

- Row 1: (RS) K31, ssk, k1, turn.
 - Row 2: (WS) Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.
 - Row 3: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1, turn.
 - Row 4: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn.
 - Row 5: Sl 1, knit to 1 st before gap, ssk, k1, turn
 - Row 6: Sl 1, purl to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn.
- Rep Rows 5 and 6 twenty more times—32 heel sts rem. Knit to end of row.

Leg

Resume working in the rnd. Work Rows 1-16 of Leg chart once, then rep Rows 17-19 of chart until leg measures 7", or 1/2" less than desired finished length.

Cuff

P1, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 3 sts, k2, p1. Rep last rnd until cuff measures 1 1/2". BO all sts using the Russian BO as foll: P1, k1, sl these 2 sts back to left needle, k2tog, *work 1 st in patt, sl 2 sts on right needle to left needle, k2tog; rep from * until all sts are BO.

FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Place the finished socks on sock blockers and lightly steam or mist with water from a spray bottle. Let dry. ✨

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