



# Take Note

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Sharpen your pencils, pack your bookbag, and take note, because school is in session! These toe-up DK-weight socks are just the thing to get you through the first few days of school, and perfect for snuggling up in as you go over your notes from the day.

With interesting gusset increase construction and a fun mirror-image ziggy-zaggy eyelet pattern on the top of the foot, you'll be totally engaged while you fall into the rhythm of the pattern.



## Materials

Yarn: approximately 175-280 yards DK-weight yarn. I used Knitted Wit Victory DK in No. 2 Pencil.

Needles: US3/3.25mm needle for small-circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge.

Notions: Four stitch markers, tapestry needle.

## Gauge

26 sts & 36 rnds = 4"/10.25 cm in stockinette stitch in the round, measured after blocking.

## Skill level

Advanced beginner.

## Finished measurements

Adult extra-small/xs (small/s, medium/m, large/l, extra-large/xl): to fit 6.5 (7, 7.5, 8, 8.5)"/17.75 (19, 20.25, 21.5, 22.75) cm foot circumference.

Finished sock foot circumference: 6.25 (6.75, 7.5, 8, 8.5)" / 16 (17.25, 19, 20.25, 21.5) cm.

## Abbreviations

k: knit.

k1tbl: knit one stitch through the back loop.

k2tog: knit two stitches together as one.

m(s): marker(s).

m1l: make one, left leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of the loop to twist it.

m1r: make one, right leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from back to front. Knit through the front of this loop to twist it.

p: purl.

R(s): Round(s), Row(s).

rs: right side.

sl: slip stitch.

sm: slip marker.

ssk: slip/slip/knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit.

Slip another stitch as if to knit. Insert left needle into the back of these two stitches and knit them together.

st, sts: stitch, stitches.

tbl: through the back loop.

w&t: wrap and turn.

ws: wrong side.

yo: yarn over.

## Pattern Notes

Judy's Magic Cast on is a wonderful, and indeed magical, cast on for sock toes and mitten tops in the round. It will change your life. Knitty.com has a good step-by-step photo how-to at [knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html](http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html). There are also several helpful videos by Cat Bordhi on youtube, including one at [youtube.com/watch?v=IhBIS0AhhQY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhBIS0AhhQY).

## **Working wrapped stitches**

On knit side: pull the wrap up and over the stitch it's wrapped around and knit the stitch and the wrap together through the back loop. On purl side: pull the wrap up and over the stitch it's wrapped around and purl the stitch and the wrap together.

Slip all stitches purlwise with yarn in back unless otherwise noted.

Note that the pattern might seem a bit confusing at first, but that's because, for each size, you need to follow a slightly different set of instructions. I recommend using some of your new back-to-school stationary to highlight the size you are making throughout the pattern prior to casting on.

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# Pattern Instructions

Using Judy's Magic Cast On (see Pattern Notes), cast on 6 (8, 8, 10, 10) sts on each of two needles (either double-point or circular, whichever you prefer). 12 (16, 16, 20, 20) sts total.

R1: Place beginning of round m, k6 (8, 8, 10, 10), place sole m, k6 (8, 8, 10, 10) sts.

*Note 1: You will now be working in the round.*

*Note 2: You may not actually choose to place these ms, depending on how you work small circumference knitting. They are more guideposts than anything else; they delineate the top and bottom, or sole of your sock and are referred to in the toe increases section, the gusset increase section, and the foot section.*

**Increase Round:** k1, m1r, k to one st before sole m, m1l, k1, sm, k1, m1r, k to last st, m1l, k1.

Work this increase round every round until you have 28 (32, 36, 40, 44) sts total. 14 (16, 18, 20, 22) sts each for top of foot and sole.

R1: k to end.

R2: work increase round as above. 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts total. 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts each for top of foot and sole.

Rs 3&4: k to end.

R5: work increase round as above. 36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts total. 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts each for top of foot and sole.

Rs 6-8: k to end.

R9: work increase round as above. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts total. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts each for top of foot and sole.

Rs 10-14: k to end.

Now it's time to begin working your Foot Pattern. There are two Foot Patterns on the next page; make one of each for a mirrored pair, or, if you'd prefer, you can make two Foot Ones or two Foot Twos. Note that you won't be working all of the Rs listed below for each size, so pay attention to the size you are making. Note, also, that the entire pattern consists of following the pattern and then following the corresponding **asterisk section** below.

As you work the foot, be sure to slip the beginning-of-round marker as you finish each round.

**ALSO!! Make sure you are paying attention to your foot measurement so you can begin your gusset increase at the correct spot. You work the gusset section and foot section concurrently with the Foot Pattern.**

## Foot One Pattern

R1: k1, (k2tog, yo) to 1 st before sole m, k1, sm, k to end.

Rs 2-4: k to end.

R5: k4, (k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before sole m, k2, sm, k to end.

Rs 6-8: k to end.

R9: k7, (k2tog, yo) to 1 st before sole m, k1, sm, k to end.

Rs 10-12: k to end.

R13: k10, (k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before sole m, k2, sm, k to end.

Rs 14-16: k to end.

R17: k13, (k2tog, yo) to 1 st before sole m, k1, sm, k to end.

Rs 18-20: k to end.

R21: k16, (k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before sole m, k2, sm, k to end.

Rs 22-24: k to end.

***For size xs only, stop here and head to the single asterisk (\*) below.***

R25: k19, (k2tog, yo) to 1 st before sole m, k1, sm, k to end.

Rs 26-28: k to end.

***For sizes s & m only, stop here and head to the double asterisk (\*\*) on next page.***

R29: k22, (k2tog, yo) to 2 sts before sole m, k2, sm, k to end.

R30-32: k to end.

***For sizes l & xl, this is the final round of the pattern as well. Head to the triple asterisk (\*\*\*) on next page.***

***(\*) For both Foot Patterns in size xs, work Rs 1-24 once, then work the following 8 steps:***

1. R17 once.
2. Rs 14-16 once.
3. R13 once.
4. Rs 10-12 once.

## Foot Two Pattern

R1: k1, (yo, ssk) to 1 st before sole m, k1, sm, k to end.

Rs 2-4: k to end.

R5: k2, (yo, ssk) to 4 sts before sole m, k4, sm, k to end.

Rs 6-8: k to end.

R9: k1, (yo, ssk) to 7 sts before sole m, k7, sm, k to end.

Rs 10-12: k to end.

R13: k2, (yo, ssk) to 10 sts before sole m, k10, sm, k to end.

Rs 14-16: k to end.

R17: k1, (yo, ssk) to 13 sts before sole m, k13, sm, k to end.

Rs 18-20: k to end.

R21: k2, (yo, ssk) to 16 sts before sole m, k16, sm, k to end.

Rs 22-24: k to end.

***For size xs only, stop here and head to the single asterisk (\*) on next page.***

R25: k1, (yo, ssk) to 19 sts before sole m, k19, sm, k to end.

Rs 26-28: k to end.

***For sizes s & m only, stop here and head to the double asterisk (\*\*) on next page.***

R29: k2, (yo, ssk) to 22 sts before sole m, k22, sm, k to end.

Rs 30-32: k to end.

***For sizes l & xl, this is the final round of the pattern as well. Head to the the triple asterisk (\*\*\*) on next page.***

5. R9 once.
6. Rs 6-8 once.
7. R5 once.
8. Rs 2-4 once.

**(\*\*) For both Foot Patterns in sizes s & m, work Rs 1-28 once, then work the following 10 steps:**

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| 1. R21 once.      | 6. Rs 10-12 once. |
| 2. Rs 18-20 once. | 7. R9 once.       |
| 3. R17 once.      | 8. Rs 6-8 once.   |
| 4. Rs 14-16 once. | 9. R5 once.       |
| 5. R13 once.      | 10. Rs 2-4 once.  |

**(\*\*\*) For both Foot Patterns in sizes l & xl, work Rs 1-32 once, then work the following 12 steps:**

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| 1. R25 once.      | 7. R13 once.      |
| 2. Rs 22-24 once. | 8. Rs 10-12 once. |
| 3. R21 once.      | 9. R9 once.       |
| 4. Rs 18-20 once. | 10. Rs 6-8 once.  |
| 5. R17 once.      | 11. R5 once.      |
| 6. Rs 14-16 once. | 12. Rs 2-4 once.  |

Working through Rs 1-24 (28, 28, 32, 32) of the Foot Pattern and then working back through the pattern by following the steps in the correct **asterisk section** (\*, \*\*, \*\*\*) is one repeat of the Foot Pattern, and makes the zig zag occur on the top/front of the sock. For the socks shown (in size m), I worked through the Foot Pattern once, and then worked Rs 1-28 once more. If you have more yarn and would like to make a longer sock, you can work through the Foot Pattern as many times as you'd like, ending after working either a R24 (28, 32) OR after working the final step of the asterisk section.

**And, again!! Make sure you are paying attention to your foot measurement so you can begin your gusset increase at the correct spot. You work the gusset section and foot section concurrently with the Foot Pattern.**

Work as established until you are 2.5 (2.75, 3.25, 3.75, 4)"/6.25 (7, 8.25, 9.5, 10.25) cm from total foot length (i.e., back of heel), then head to Shape Gusset directions on next page.

## Shape Gusset

*Note: You're increasing sts for the heel here on the sole of the foot, inside the increase ms you place in R1 below. The gusset increases on this heel are a bit different from my normal ones; you are increasing in the middle of the bottom of the foot, leaving your "gusset" stitches untouched on the outside of your ms.*

R1: work as established to sole m, sm, k9 (10, 11, 12, 13), place increase m, m1r, k2, m1l, place increase m, k to end.

R2: work as established to end, slipping all ms as you come to them.

R3: work as established to sole m, sm, k to increase m, sm, m1r, k to increase m, m1l, sm, k to end.

R4: work as established to end, slipping all ms as you come to them.

Work Rs 1-4 once, then repeat Rs 3&4 until you have 58 (64, 70, 76, 82) sts total. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts between ms. 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) gusset sts on each side.

## Heel Set Up

Work as established to sole m. You will now be working on sole sts only.

## Turn Heel

*Note: Work the heel flat (back and forth; not in the round).*

R1 (rs): k to 2 sts before 2nd increase m, w&t.

R2 (ws): p to 2 sts before increase m, w&t.

R3: k to 2 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

R4: p to 2 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

Work Rs 3&4 until you have 4 (6, 8, 6, 8) unwrapped sts in the middle of your heel.

Next two rows:

R1 (rs): Knit to the last st before increase m, working wraps as you come to them.

Removing m, knit the last increase st together tbl with the first gusset st. Turn.

R2 (ws): Sl 1 purlwise, purl to the last st before increase m, working wraps as you come to them. Removing m, purl the first increase st together with the first gusset st. Turn.

## Slip Stitch Heel Flap

*Note: Still working flat.*

R1: (Sl1, k1) to 2 sts before gap, sl1, knit last st together with next gusset st tbl. Turn.

R2: Sl1, purl to 1 st before gap, purl last st together with the next gusset st. Turn.

Repeat these 2 Rs until all gusset sts have been worked.

Next Row: (Sl1, k1) to end of of sole sts.

## Leg

*Note: You will be working in the round once again.*

Picking up your Foot Pattern where you left off, work it only on the first half (front of leg) of your stitches. On the second half (back of leg) stitches, work the following:

(k1tbl, p1) to end.

This will carry the aesthetic patterning up from the Slip Stitch Heel Flap.

Work as established, following the Foot Pattern on the front of your leg and the (k1tbl, p1) ribbing on the back of your leg either until you've worked through the pattern as indicated on Page 5, or until your sock is about 1" (2.5 cm) shorter than you'd like it to be. For the sample sock shown, I worked the entire Foot Pattern one and a half times over the entirety of the sock, as indicated on Page 5.

## Cuff

R1: p to end.

R2: k to end.

Work Rs 1&2 of Cuff four times, then bind off purlwise.

## Finishing

Make a second sock, using whichever Foot Pattern you desire . Weave ends in, block if you wish, and wear or gift.