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Matilda's Kisses

Yarn: 5x 20g mini sock set "Matilda's Kisses" or similar. Alternatively 100g - 4ply fingering weight of choice

Needles/Hook: 2.5 mm

Gauge: 10cm x 10cm - 32 sts x 44 rows

Notions: Tapestry Needle
Scissors

Abbreviations:

St(s)	Stitch(es)	CO	Cast on
K	Knit	P	Purl
K2tog	Knit two sts together	Slp1pw	Slip one purlwise
Slp1kw	Slip one knitwise	Ktbl	Knit through back loop
Sl1pw wyif	Slip one purlwise with yarn in front	SSK	Slip slip knit
RS	Right side of work	WS	Wrong side of work
Rep	Repeat		

My inspiration for this pattern as well as the colourway I have dyed up for this, was our crazy little girl Matilda. She is wild, fearless and boisterous, not at all pink and girly like her older sister, but she ALWAYS has her kisses and spreads them around like glitter, brightening up our day.



This pattern is written based on knitting with DPNS, as personally I feel that knitting socks on circulars is some crazy witchcraft!! How do you do it?!?! The pattern has been test knitted on both DPNS and circulars however and so if you are one of these incredible sorcerers that has mastered the dark arts of Magic Loop socks, you will be able to adapt the pattern to your needs.

I hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I do. If you have any problems, find a mistakes or would like to get in touch, please contact me through Ravelry, Instagram, or by any of the means above in the header. 😊

Happy Knitting!

Pattern Directions

Cast on (56) 64 (72) in contrasting colour (if using)

Ribbing:

Row 1: *K 1, P1*, rep ** all around

Row 2-8: rep row 1

Row 9-10: rep row 1 (size L only!)

Leg:

Change to colour A

Row 1: *K7, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 2: *K7, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 3-10: K all sts

Insert 2 more K all rows if knitting size L only!

Change to colour B

Row 1: *K3, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 2: *K3, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 3-10: K all sts

Insert 2 more K all rows if knitting size L only!

Change to colour C

Row 1: *K7, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 2: *K7, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 3-10: K all sts

Insert 2 more K all rows if knitting size L only!

Change to colour D

Row 1: *K3, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 2: *K3, Slp1pw*, rep ** all around

Row 3-10: K all sts

Insert 2 more K all rows if knitting size L only!

Note: I like to have the join where the colour changes all the way at the back of the sock, so I prefer to start the heel in the contrasting colour from the join as per below. You can of course do this differently if you wish, or have a preferred method.

Heel:

The heel is knitted in the flat on 1 needle (28 / 32 / 36 sts) on 1 working DPN. The instep stitches rest on the 2 front DPNS.

Flap:

Change to contrasting colour

Row 1: RS - Knit (14) 16 (18), turn work

Row 2: WS – Sl1pw, (13) P15 (17), at this point set aside the empty needle and continue (14) P16 (18) onto the same needle as your previous P sts. You now have (28) 32 (36) P sts on 1 needle. Turn work

Row 3: RS – Sl1kw, *Sl1pw wyif, K1*, rep ** until end. Turn work

Row 4: WS – P all sts

Rep Row 3 and 4 (8) 10 (12) more times

Rep Row 3 once more

Row 26: Sl1pw wyif, (16) P20 (24), P2tog, turn work

Row 27: Sl1kw, (6) K10 (14), K2tog through the back loop, turn work

Row 28: Sl1pw wyif, (6) P10 (14), P2tog, turn work

Rep rows 27 and 28 until you have (8) 12 (16) sts left on your working DPN, turn work.

Row 29: Sl1pw wyif, (7) P11 (15), turn work.

Gusset:

We will now distribute the sts onto all four DPNS again.

Row 1: RS – Sl1kw, (3) K5 (7). Change to colour A, and use empty DPN and continue to (5) K6 (8). (you now have (4) 6 (8) sts each on 2 DPNS, (14) 16 (18) sts each on 2 DPNS, and your yarn is at the end for you RS row.

Now evenly pick up (12) 14 (16) sts along the left side of the heel flap (14 / 20 / 24 sts on your DPN) and Ktbl.

Note: after this step, I like to add in an extra step to eliminate that often quite ugly gap in this spot. You can omit this step of course if you wish.

Gap Killer

The Gap Killer will get rid of most of this unsightly gap that happens on a standard flap and gusset heel.

To do this, we pick up the stitch right below the start of the heel flap



And then simply knit both stitches (3 loops) together.



Continue Gusset

Row 1 continued: (4) K7 (5), Sl1pw, *K7, Sl1pw* rep ** until the end of the instep.

Continue with Gap Killer (or omit if applicable), pick up (12) 14 (16) stitches evenly across the side of your heel flap and knit (make sure you pick up both loops of the sts to avoid gaps).

(4) K6 (8), and you are back at the beginning of your row.

Row 2: K until 2sts before your instep, K2tog, (4) K7 (5), Sl1pw, *K7, Sl1pw* rep ** until the end of your instep, SSK, K until the end of your round

Row 3:

K until 2sts before your instep, K2tog, (28) K32 (36), SSK, K until the end of your round

Rep row 3 until you are back to (56) 64 (72) sts.

Foot:

Continue to knit the foot in the established “kisses pattern” on the instep side, and in plain K st on the sole side, changing colour every (14) 16 (18) rows. These row numbers are a guide and depend on the size of your foot. You should start your toe about 5cm short of your total foot length. If this is your first pair of knitted sock, trying them on throughout is key!

Wedge Toe:

Change to contrasting colour

Row 1: K until 3 before the end of your first needle, K2tog, K1. On your next needle, K1, SSK, K until the end of needle 2. K until 3 before the end of your 3rd needle, K2tog, K1. On your next needle, K1, SSK, K until the end of needle 4. This brings you back to the beginning of your round.

Row 2 + 3: K all sts

Row 4: Rep row 1

Row 5 + 6: K all sts

Row 7: Rep row 1

Row 8: K all sts

Row 9: Rep row 1

Row 10: K all sts

Row 11-15: Rep row 1

Row 16: K only the 1st DPN to bring the yarn to the left side of the toe

From here, it is the neatest to use Kitchener stitch to bind off the toe. I have included a short picture tutorial below, but if you find it easier to follow a video, I would recommend this tutorial from VeryPinkKnits (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dYP_GeHLG0)

Bring both needles together, and thread your tail onto a darning needle



The Kitchener stitch is a 4 stitch sequence, and the sequence I tell myself is:

Knit off , Purl on

Purl off , Knit on

Starting on the front needle, insert darning needle knitwise into the first stitch, pull through and pull the stitch off the needle



Continuing on the front needle, insert the darning needle purlwise, pull through, and leave the stitch on the needle



Changing to the back needle, insert darning needle purlwise into the first stitch, pull through and pull the stitch off the needle



Continuing on the back needle, insert the darning needle knitwise, pull through, and leave the stitch on the needle



Continue these 4 steps until you have removed all stitches from your needles. Insert the darning needle into the corner of your toe, pull the yarn through to the back/inside of your sock and weave in.

Tadaaaaa! Perfect Kitchener'ed Toe for the win!

