# Lovely Lounger Socks

Skill Level- Beginner/Intermediate

**Materials-** 120 yds of DK weight yarn or 1 hank Knit Picks' Swish DK yarn (as shown in photo).

**Gauge-** 6 stitches per inch and 7.5 rows per inch in stockinette on size 5 (3.75 mm) circular needles.

These lovely socks knit up quickly in a DK weight yarn and are perfect for lounging on those cozy, lazy days! Knit from the toe up on 2 circular needles.



#### **Directions:**

### TOE

Using Judy's Magic Cast On, cast on 24 stitches (12 per needle.) Note: If you are unfamiliar with this cast on, you can find many helpful video tutorials on youtube.

**Set Up Round:** Knit across both needles. *Note: The cast-on loops on needle #2 are twisted. On the first round only, knit them through the back of the loops to untwist them. After this round, the stitches are worked normally.* 

**Increase Round 1:** On first needle (INSTEP), k1, m1R, knit across needle until 1 st remains, m1L, k1. On second needle (SOLE), k1, m1R, knit across needle until 1 st remains, m1L, k1.

Even Round: k all sts across both needles.

Repeat previous two rounds 5 more times. 48 sts (24 per needle)



#### **FOOT**

#### **Begin Chart:**

**Right foot in pattern:** On first needle (INSTEP), k2, work Chart A over next 7 stitches, knit to the end of needle. On second needle (SOLE), knit across all stitches.

**Left foot in pattern:** On first needle (INSTEP), k15, work Chart B over next 7 stitches, k2. On second needle (SOLE), knit across all stitches.

Repeat the previous round 19 more times. Piece will measure about 4.25 inches from cast on.

#### **GUSSET**

**Increase Round 1:** On first needle, work all sts in established pattern. On second needle, k1, m1R, knit across needle until 1 st remains, m1L, k1.

Even Round: k all sts in established pattern.

Repeat these two rounds 11 more times. 72 sts (24 on first needle, 48 on second needle)

## **HEEL CUP**

Note: The heel cup will only be worked on the second needle.

**Set Up:** K across first needle (INSTEP), maintaining established pattern. On second needle (SOLE), k12, pm, k23, slip 1, bring yarn to right side to wrap stich, pm on left needle, slip st back to left needle. Turn work.

**WS:** Bring yarn to front of work, p to 1 st before marker, slip 1, bring yarn to back of work to wrap st, slip st back to left needle. Turn work.

**RS:** Bring yarn to back of work, k to 2 sts before previously wrapped st, slip 1, bring yarn to front of work, slip st back to left needle. Turn work.

**WS:** Bring yarn to front of work, p to 2 sts before previously wrapped st, slip 1, bring yarn to back of work, slip st back to left needle. Turn work.



Repeat last two rows until only 4 sts remain between wrapped sts, ending having completed a RS row. Turn work.

## **HEEL FLAP**

**WS:** purl across, lifting wraps and purling them together with their sts as you come to them until 1 st before marker. Slip 1, remove marker, slip sts back to left needle and p2tog. Turn work.

**RS:** slip 1, k across, lifting the wraps and knitting them together with their sts until 1 st before marker, slip 1, remove marker, move st back to left needle, lift wrap and knit together with its st and the next st. Turn work.

**WS:** slip 1, p across until 1 st before gap, p2tog. Turn work.

**RS:** slip 1, [k1, slip1] repeating until 2 st before gap, k1, k2tog. Turn work.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have used up all of the gusset stitches and 24 stitches remain on the second needle.

You will now resume knitting in the round across both needles.

## **LEG**

Note: To close any gaps between heel and instep, pick up a st in the gap where the instep sts meet the heel flap and knit together with the first st on the next needle.

**Even Round:** k across first needle and second needle in established pattern.

Work sts in established pattern across both needles until sock is approximately 3.25 inches (or as tall as desired), ending having completed a round with row 7 of the chart (for symmetry).

#### **CUFF**

Ribbing:

Right Foot: [k1, p1] around both needles.

**Left Foot:** [p1, k1] round both needles.

Repeat ribbing round at least 5 more times, or until cuff is desired length.

Bind off with preferred stretchy bind off method.

Chart A - Right Foot

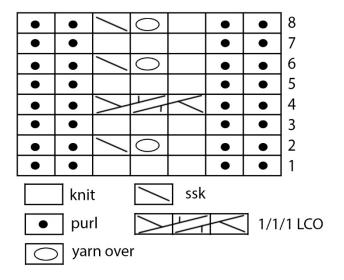
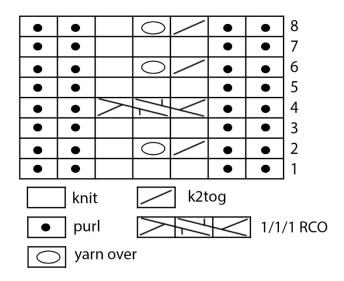


Chart B - Left Foot



## **ABBREVIATIONS**

pm - place marker

sm - slip marker

rm - remove marker

**k** – knit

**p** – purl

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together

p2tog - purl 2 stitches together

st(s) - stitch(es)

m1R- make one right leaning stitch

m1L - make one left leaning stitch

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

YO - yarn over

1/1/1 RCO (right cross over) – slip next 2 stitches to cable needle and hold in front, k1, slip center stitch from cable needle to left needle and knit it, then knit remaining stitch from cable needle.

1/1/1 LCO (left cross over)— slip next 2 stitches to cable needle and hold behind, k1, slip center stitch from cable needle to left needle and knit it, then knit remaining stitch from cable needle.