

## Dottie Socks



### Material:

- 3 x 200 m/218 yards fingering weight sock yarn

I chose:

- African Expressions Soul (black) 200 m, 50 g
- African Expressions Soul (grey) 200 m, 50 g
- African Expressions Soul (red) 200 m, 50 g

**Needles:** 2,5 mm double pointed needles and 3,5 double pointed needles; Tapestry needle

**Size:** european 39

### Abbreviations:

k = knit stitch

k2tog = knit 2 together

p = purl stitch

p2tog = purl 2 together

RS = right side / public side

sl yb = slip stitch as if to purl with yarn in back

sl yf = slip stitch as if to purl with yarn in front

ssk = slip 1 knit wise, slip 1 purl wise, knit both stitches together through the back loops

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side / private side

**Pattern:****Cuff:**

Loosely cast on 66 stitches with 2,5 mm needles in Colour C (black) and join to begin working in the round. Work [k1,p1] for 20 rounds. If you use double point needles you will have 17 stitches on needle one and three and 16 stitches on needle two and four.

**Leg:**

First, switch to 3,5 mm needles.

Switch to colour B and knit two rows. Then start working the chart. Work rounds 1-10 of the pattern three times (or until desired length is reached – but end with row 10).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1			x	x					x	x
2		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
3		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
4		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
5			x	x					x	x
6	x					x	x			
7	x	x			x	x	x	x		
8	x	x			x	x	x	x		
9	x	x			x	x	x	x		
10	x					x	x			
			x	x					x	x
		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
		x	x	x	x			x	x	x
			x	x					x	x
	x					x	x			
	x	x			x	x	x	x		
	x	x			x	x	x	x		

Colour A

Colour B

**Set up for heel flap:**

When you finished your last row don't cut yarn A and B! Switch back to colour C and 2,5 mm needles. Start with WS. You will now knit only with needle 3 and 4 over 33 st. Put the other 38 st on hold.

**Heel flap:**

WS: sl yf, p until end, turn

RS: sly b, knit until end, turn

The heel is worked back and forth over 34 rows (in total) and ends with a RS.

**Turn heel:**

WS: sl yf, p18, p2tog, p1, turn

RS: sl yb, k5, ssk, k1, turn

WS: sl yf, purl to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn

RS: sl yb, knit to 1 st before gap, ssk, k1, turn

Repeat the last two rows until all sts have been worked. There should be 19 stitches left.

### **Gusset setup:**

Switch back to 3,5 mm needles. Pick up and knit 17 sts along side of heel flap (still with colour C) pick up one more st between flap and instep and knit this one. Now cut colour C and start working with colour A and B again. Continue by knitting the 33 sts held instep in pattern as established. Then pick up 2 st between instep and heel flap and knit it. Pick up 17 more sts (colour A, colour B, colour A, Colour B....) along the heel flap and knit them. You should now have 28 stitches in needle 1, 16 stitches on needle 2, 17 stitches on needle 3, and 27 stitches on needle 4.

In the following you continue knitting the chart on needle 2 and 3. On needle 4 and 1 you rotate between colour A and B (colour A, colour B, colour A, Colour B....and so on).

### **Gusset decrease:**

Needle 1: k until 3 stitches before the instep, k2tog, k1

Needle 2+3: work in instep pattern as established

Needle 4: k 1, ssk, k all st

Work these rounds until you have 17 stitches on needle one and 16 stitches on needle four. Decrease two stitches every second round.

### **Foot:**

Continue instep as established. Repeat the chart pattern four times (or until desired length is reached).

### **Toe:**

Switch to 2,5 mm needles and to colour C again. Break colour A and B.

Round 1:

Needle 1: k until three stitches before the end, k2togh, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k until the end

Needle 3: k until three stitches before the end, k2togh, k1

Needle 4: k1, ssk, k until the end

Round 2: k all sts

Repeat this 2 rounds until there are 30 sts left. Arrange them on two needles only (15 sts on needle 1 and 15 sts on needle 2). Needle 3 and 4 won't be needed anymore. Leave a tail of at least 20 cm and break the yarn. Turn the needles inside the sock and bind off with the three-needle bind-off. Weave in the ends and knit a second sock. Enjoy.