



Manly Pastel

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These socks are designed for men at the same time the colors I used are very pastel and would rather be considered feminine, hence the name.

Size: men, adjustable foot length. This pattern can be also used for women with rather wide feet.

Material: Alize Superwash 100 (100 g = 420 m / 460 yards). You need about 200 m / 220 yards of main color (mint) and 100 m / 110 yards of both contrasting colors (lavender and golden). So in total it's about 400 m / 440 yards.

Gauge: 27 sts = 10 cm / 4"

Needle size: 2.5 mm (US 1.5) double pointed needles (or other size for getting the right gauge)

Pattern notes:

K – Knit

P – Purl

ktbl - knit through back loop

This sock is knit toe up. Therefore you can adjust how long you want the socks to be.

Directions:

Toe

Toe is knit with lavender.

Cast on 24 stitches using Judy's magic cast on (12 sts on both needles). Knit one round.

Divide stitches evenly onto 4 needles (6 stitches to each).

Mark the beginning of the round.

Increases are done in the beginning of first needle, in the end of second needle, in the beginning of third needles and in the end of fourth needle.

Increases on the first and third needle: knit through front and back loop of the first stitch of the needle.

Increases on the second and fourth needle: knit through front and back loop of the last stitch of the needle.

Knit one round with increases and one round without increases (plain stockinette) until you have 64 sts in total ending with stockinette round.

Foot

Switch to main color (lavendel). Knit 8 rounds. After that the colorwork begins. Start following the chart. After finishing chart for the first time knit 2 rounds in main color. Then work the chart for the second time.

Try the sock on after finishing the chart for the second time. Now it's time to adjust the pattern according to the foot length. You should start working on the heel about 5 cm / 2" before reaching to the final foot length.

Adjust the following round counts according to your foot length. I continued the following way: 8 rounds in main color, 2 round is golden, 2 rounds in main color. If you need shorter foot you can skip the golden rounds. If you need longer foot you can add some more rounds in main color after the golden rounds.



Heel

Switch to lavender color. You will work the heel on the first and second needle by knitting back and forth on them.

Knit until the last stitch of second needle. Slip the last stitch to the right needle, wrap the yarn around it and put the stitch back to the left needle. Turn work and purl until the last stitch. Repeat the wrapping. Turn work. Knit until the last stitch before the last wrapped stitch. Wrap the stitch and turn work. Continue wrapping like that until you have 10 wrapped stitches on both sides ending with purl row.

Turn work. Knit until the first wrapped stitch. Pick up the wrapped yarn and knit it together with the stitch. Wrap the yarn around next stitch and turn work. Purl until the first wrapped stitch. Pick up the wrapped yarn and purl it together with the stitch. Wrap the next stitch and turn work. Knit until you reach to the stitch that now has 2 wraps around it. Pick up both wraps and knit them together with the stitch. Wrap the yarn around the next stitch and turn work. Continue like that until you have picked up the last wrapped stitch on your knit row. Don't turn for purling. From now on you continue again knitting in round.

Leg

Switch to main color. Knit in mirror compared to what you did before the heel. In my case I knit 2 rounds in main color, 2 rounds in golden, 8 rounds in main color and then start the chart.

When you start the first round after the heel you might want to pick up one extra stitch between needles 2 and 3 and between needles 3 and 4 to avoid holes. If you do that then on next round knit that extra stitch together with neighboring stitch.

Continue knitting in round.

I knit chart once and then I knit 8 rounds in main color. You can make the socks longer if you want.

After 8 rounds in main color switch to golden. Start knitting 1 knit - 1 purl rib. I knit twisted rib which means that I make knit stitches through the back loop. Knit the ribbing as long as you want. I knit 10 rounds.

Cast off.

Finishing:

Weave in the ends. Wash the socks and block them – that will make the stitches look more even and overall the socks will look nicer.

