



# “Topsy”

A fun sock pattern by  
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## Materials:

-Approx. 246 yards of sportweight yarn (Sereknity “Sock Options” in *Pretty in Punk* colorway used for this pattern...100% superwash merino)

-Size US 3 circulars (either two 24” TwoCirc or a single 40+” for Magic Loop Method)

-Notions: Scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape, row counter or paper/pencil

## Gauge:

approx. 7 stitches per inch or 28 stitches= 4 inches over pattern

Finished size of sock: 3.75" wide and 9.5" long\*

\*This size fits a medium woman's foot, size 8 shoe.

## Abbreviations:

k -knit

p -purl

k2tog -knit two stitches together

ssk -slip two stitches knitwise (one at a time) and knit through the back loop

sl -slip a stich purlwise, with yarn in back

N -needle

co -cast on

bo -bind off



## "Topsy Slip Stitch" Pattern: (multiple of 4)

Round 1 - \*(k3, sl 1)....repeat from \* to end of round

Round 2 - Knit

Rounds 3 to 10 - Repeat rounds 1 and 2 four MORE times.

Round 11 - k2, sl 1, \*(k3, sl 1)....repeat from \* to last stitch, k1.

Round 12 - Knit

Rounds 13- 20 - Repeat rounds 11 and 12 four MORE times.

Round 21 - k1, sl 1, \*(k3, sl 1)...repeat from \* to the last two stitches, k2.

Round 22 - Knit

Rounds 23- 30 - Repeat rounds 21 and 22 four MORE times.

(This three part pattern creates a staggering effect of the slip stitches that looks either like falling rain or a slightly tipsy person walking...hence the name. It becomes very easy to remember once you complete the first few rounds.)



### Directions:

CO 52 stitches using your favorite method. Divide half of the stitches on each needle, 26 on N1 (instep) and 26 on N2 (heel side). Being careful not to twist, join round and begin.

\*(k1, p1)...\*repeat around for 1x1 ribbing, for 5 rounds.

### Leg:

Follow Rounds 1-30 of the “Topsy Slip Stitch” pattern.

Repeat Rounds 1-20 again.

(At this point, you can repeat rounds 21-30 as well if you like a longer leg, but you will need additional yarn.)

### Heel Flap:

Knit across N1. N2 is now facing you. You’ll now be working back and forth on N2 only.

Row 1 - \*(sl 1, k1)...repeat to the end of the row.

Row 2 - sl 1, purl across rest of row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2, twelve MORE times or until flap is approx. 2 inches long.

## Turning Heel:

Row 1 - sl 1, k14, ssk, k1, turn

Row 2 - sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3 - sl 1, knit to one stitch before the "gap", ssk, k1, turn

Row 4 - sl 1, purl to one stitch before the "gap", p2tog, p1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all the stitches has been worked.

You should now have a the knit side facing you and 16 stitches on the needle.

Sl 1, knit across the row.

With this same needle, pick up **13+ 1** (this one should be in the area between the flap corner and instep) stitches. Drop this needle end and pick up N1 (with the instep stitches on it)

Knit across instep. Drop this needle.

Using N2 again (with the heel and picked up stitches), pick up **1+13** stitches. You should now have 44 stitches on N2 and 26 on N1.

Knit to the end.

## Decreases:

### **Round 1 -**

N1: Continue with the "Topsy Slip Stitch" pattern. (You should begin at round 11 if you didn't extend the leg length. Only work stitches until you get to the end of this needle.)

N2: k1, ssk to the last three stitches, k2tog, k1.

### **Round 2 -**

Knit the entire round on both needles.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until N2 (the heel needle) and N1 have 26 stitches on each, 52 total.

## Foot:

### **Round 1 -**

N1: Continue with the pattern across the 26 stitches.

N2: Knit across

### **Round 2-**

N1 and N2: Knit across both.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until foot is 7.5" from the back of the heel. (Try to end with the fifth repeat of the pattern, if possible.)

## Toe:

### **Round 1 -**

N1: k1, ssk, knit to the last three stitches, k2tog, k1

N2: same as above

**Round 2 -**

N1 and N2: Knit across round.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 10 stitches total remaining. Cut yarn, leaving 12+ inches of yarn for sewing up the toe.

Use Kitchener Stitch (or 3 needle bind off) to finish the toe.  
Weave in all ends. Make one more sock the same way.

Congratulations, you're done!

I hope you've enjoyed this pattern and if you have any comments, questions or find any errors (hopefully not!), please contact me here:

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\*If you have a wider calf or longer foot, I would recommend casting on 60 stitches (30 on each needle) and extending the foot length by knitting to 2 inches less than your personal foot length. This will increase the width of both the leg and foot by approximately 1 inch.\*

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