

# Smocks of Love

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## Stitch Glossary:

5wrap - wyib in back, sl 5 sts to cable needle, wrap the yarn counter-clockwise behind the 5 sts on the cable needle, then across the front of the 5 slipped sts from left to right, and back to ready position to work a st; (k2, p1, k2) held sts on cable needle

dec - decrease(d)

inc - increase(d)

k - knit

kfb - knit into front and back of same st (1 st inc)

k2tog - knit 2 sts together (1 st dec)

p - purl

p2tog - purl 2 sts together (1 st dec)

rem - remain

rep - repeat

RS - right side

sl - slip stitch

st(s) - stitch(es)

tbl - through back loop

WS - wrong side

wyib - with yarn in back

## The Story:

These socks are truly a labor of love... the smocking effect when completed is gorgeous but it's time consuming and delightfully fiddly. It's as simple as that.

## Materials:

Black Market Wool Milo Twisted (fingering weight, 80% superwash BFL, 20% nylon; 400 yds/100g per skein): 1 skein 'Ruby Soho'  
 US 1.5 (2.50mm) 32" circular needle (or DPNs)  
 Stitch markers  
 Cable needle  
 Tapestry needle

## Finished Sizes:

7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) inch circumference (recommended fit; 1-inch neg. ease)

## Gauge:

32 sts and 46 rows = 4" stockinette in the round.

## Notes:

These socks are worked using the Magic Loop technique (though DPNs or 2 circulars may be substituted) from the toe up using Judy's Magic Cast-On, feature a standard short-row heel and end with Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off.

Adjust needle size as necessary to match gauge.

This pattern includes written instructions. The socks are identical to one another. Make 2 socks to complete a pair.

Instructions are given for smallest size, additional sizes are given in parentheses. When only one set of instructions is given, it applies to all sizes.

Slip all sts purlwise unless otherwise noted.

For DPN users, the Front Needle is synonymous with Needles 1 and 2, the Back Needle is synonymous with Needles 3 and 4.

If you find any errors or have any questions please feel free to e-mail me directly: [meaghan@unapologeticknitter.com](mailto:meaghan@unapologeticknitter.com)



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## Cast On

Using Judy's Magic Cast-On method, cast on 13 (15, 17) sts on Front and Back needles [26 (30, 34) sts total].

**TIP!** Use the cast-on tail to indicate beginning of round until enough fabric is available to clip a removable marker to the work. Tuck the tail inside the toe and continue working in the rnd, using the removable marker to indicate beginning of round.

## Toe

**Rnd 1 (setup rnd):** Knit.

**Rnd 2:** \*K1, kfb, knit to last 3 sts, kfb, k2 across Front needle; rep from \* across Back needle (4 sts inc).

**Rnd 3:** Knit.

Rep [Rnds 2 & 3] until 31 (35, 39) sts rem on Front and Back needles [62 (70, 78) sts total], ending with Rnd 3.

## Foot

**Note:** The Front needle will hold all the "Instep" sts (the top of the foot) and the Back needle will hold all of the "Sole" sts (the bottom of the foot).

**Rnd 1:** Work Row 1 of *Smocks Pattern* (in size appropriate for your project) across the first 31 (35, 39) sts, knit to end.

**Rnd 2:** Work next row of *Smocks Pattern* (in size appropriate for your project) across the first 31 (35, 39) sts, knit to end.

**Rnd 3:** Work in est patt of *Smocks Pattern* (in size appropriate for your project) across the first 31 (35, 39) sts, knit to end.

Rep [Rnd 3] until the Foot measures approx. 1¾ (2, 2½) inches less than the desired total foot length.

## Smocks Pattern (Size Small Only):

**Row 1:** \*P1, k2; rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Row 2:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 3:** P1, [5wrap, p1] 5 times.

**Rows 4 & 5:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 6:** P1, k2, p1, [5wrap, p1] 4 times, k2, p1.

## Smocks Pattern (Size Medium Only):

**Row 1:** \*K2, p1; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 2:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 3:** K2, p1, [5wrap, p1] 5 times, k2.

**Rows 4 & 5:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 6:** [5wrap, p1] 5 times, 5wrap.

## Smocks Pattern (Size Large Only):

**Row 1:** K1, \*p1, k2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

**Row 2:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 3:** K1, p1, k2, p1, [5wrap, p1] 5 times, k2, p1, k1.

**Rows 4 & 5:** Work as per Row 1.

**Row 6:** K1, p1, [5wrap, p1] 6 times, k1.

## Short Row Heel

Work across Instep in est patt.

**Note:** the remainder of the heel will be worked on the Back needle only, knitting back and forth, flat.

**TIP!** Mark the stopping point on the pattern where the heel begins to pick up the pattern after finishing the heel in the correct spot.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit to last st, wrap and turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl to last st, wrap and turn.

**Row 3:** Knit to last st before wrapped st(s), wrap and turn.

**Row 4:** Purl to last st before wrapped st(s), wrap and turn.

Rep [Rows 3 & 4] until 10 (12, 14) wrapped sts rem on either side and 11 unworked center sts remain, ending with Row 4.

## Turn the Heel

Pick up and work the wrapped heel stitches together as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl 1, knit to first wrapped stitch, pick up the wrap and k2tog tbl. Turn work.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl 1, purl to first wrapped stitch, pick up the wrap and p2tog. Turn work.

Rep [Rows 1 & 2] until all wrapped sts to the left of the center sts have been worked, leaving 1 wrapped st on the right hand side of the heel unworked.

## Finish the Heel

Resume working in the round.

Work across the Front needle in established pattern.

On the Back needle, pick up the remaining wrap and k2tog tbl, knit across remainder of heel.

## Leg

Continue knitting in established pattern until the sock is 1½ inches short of the desired length.

## Cuff

**Rnd 1:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 until Cuff measures 1½ inches.

## Finishing

Bind off loosely using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy bind off. Weave in ends, block. Rock your new socks!