



piccola



[materials needed]

- About 20 grams of any pretty sock yarn is fine (like Wollmeise, Opal, Regia, Lorna's Laces, Trekking, Blue Moon Fiber Arts, Old Maiden Aunt, Handu, Natural Dye Studio, etc)
- (Circular) needle(s) US size 1.5 / 2.5 mm, length 32" / 80 cm or 5 double pointed needles
- Easily removable stitch markers
- Cable needle (optional)
- Tapestry needle

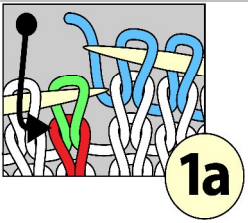
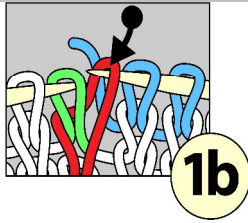
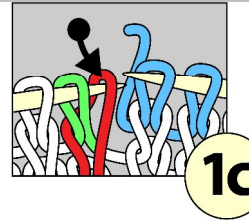
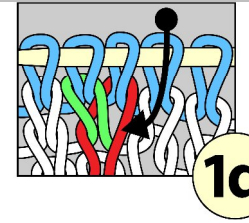
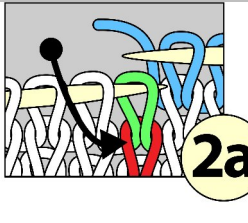
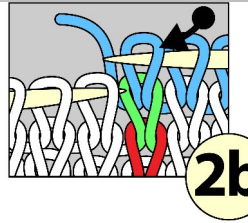
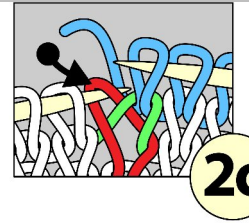
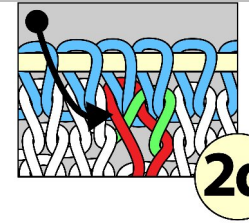
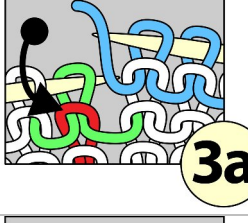
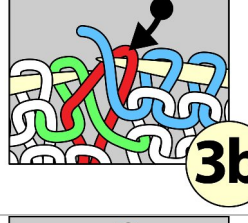
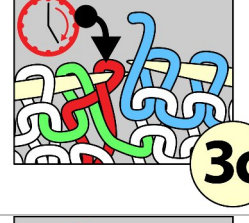
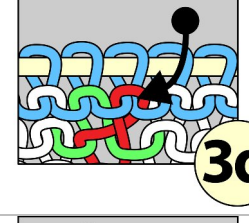
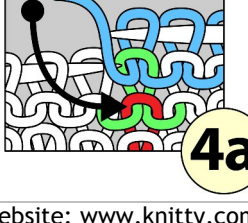
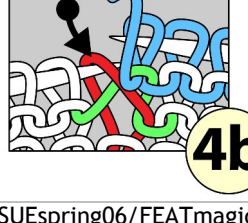
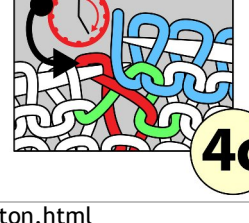
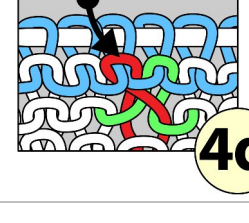
[gauge]

Not important

[notes]

- Knit Piccola toe up on one or two circular needle(s), starting with [Judy's Magic Cast On](#); the pattern was written for the Magic Loop method. Please proceed with dpn's if you prefer
- Piccola features a gussets and a heel flap: shape the heel turn with short rows; the gusset stitches are decreased away during the heel flap shaping
- In the heel turn: to conceal the wraps at the end of each short row, work the wrap and stitch as follows in the transition row: on the left side of the heel turn - insert right needle from the front into wrap, slip wrap onto left needle and knit together. At the right side of the heel -insert right needle from the front into wrap, slip wrap onto left needle and knit together through the back loop
- Slip all stitches purlwise with yarn carried on the inside of the sock, unless otherwise instructed

[abbreviations, websites]

st(s)	stitch, stitches
p	purl
sl	slip; all sts are slipped purlwise
k	knit
tbl	through the back loop
M1p (first gusset increase)	increase 1 stitch purlwise: pick up horizontal thread between the two stitches and purl through the back loop
MR - increase 1 stitch knitwise, leaning right (toe): insert right needle into stitch below the first stitch on the left needle (a). Lift this stitch onto the left needle (b, c), knit this stitch (d).	   
ML - increase 1 stitch knitwise, leaning left (toe): insert left needle into stitch two rows below the first stitch on the right needle (a, b, c), knit this stitch (d)	   
M1pR - increase 1 stitch purlwise, leaning right (gusset): insert right needle into stitch below the first stitch on the left needle (a). Lift this stitch onto the left needle (b, c; work clockwise), purl this stitch (d).	   
M1pL increase 1 stitch purlwise, leaning left (gusset): insert left needle into stitch two rows below the first stitch on the right needle (a, b, c; work clockwise), purl this stitch (d)	   
Judy's Magic Cast On	website: www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html YouTube video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhBISOAhQY
cross 2 stitches: left-over-right	slip 1st stitch on cable needle and hold to back, knit 1 stitch tbl, put slipped st back on left needle and ktbl
cross 2 stitches: right-over-left	slip 1st stitch on cable needle and hold to front, knit 1 stitch tbl, put slipped st back on left needle and ktbl

[instructions]

[toe]

There are two needles in each round. Increase 1 stitch at beginning and end of each needle in every even-numbered round - 4 sts in total. To avoid ladders, be sure to work yarn snugly on each needle change.

With US1 / 2.5 mm needles and project yarn, cast on 5 sts on each needle, using [Judy's Magic Cast On](#) (see abbreviations), knit 1 round even, making sure you knit the leading loops of the stitches. Place marker to indicate new beginning of rounds, or pull yarn end to the outside.

Round 2: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k3, MR, k1*; repeat from * to * for foot sole needle >> 14 sts.

Round 3 and all odd-numbered rounds: knit all sts without increasing.

Round 4: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k5, MR, k1*; repeat from * to * for foot sole needle >> 18 sts.

Round 6: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k7, MR, k1*; repeat from * to * for foot sole needle >> 22 sts.

Round 8: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k9, MR, k1*; repeat from * to * for foot sole needle >> 26 sts.

Finish toe as follows:

Round 10: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k11, MR, k1* >> upper foot 15 sts; DO NOT repeat for foot sole needle, but keep stitch count at 13 sts >> 28 sts.

Round 12: on upper foot needle - * k1, ML, k13, MR, k1* >> upper foot 17 sts; DO NOT repeat for foot sole needle, but keep stitch count at 13 sts >> 30 sts.

Keep sts distributed as they are: 17 for upper foot, 13 for foot sole >> a total of 30 sts.

[foot]

Proceed in StSt for an additional 3 rounds, and end after completing a foot sole needle.

[gussets]

The gussets will form on the left and right side of the upper foot needle. Keep the foot sole in StSt (= k13).

To cross Left-Over-Right: slip 1st stitch onto Cable Needle and hold to back, knit 1 stitch tbl, put slipped st back on left needle and ktbl

To cross Right-Over-Left: slip 1st stitch onto Cable Needle and hold to front, knit 1 stitch tbl, put slipped st back on left needle and ktbl

Round 1: cross first 2 sts left-over-right, k13, cross last 2 sts right-over-left; knit across foot sole to end of round.

Round 2: k1tbl, M1p, k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, M1p, k1tbl; k13 across foot sole to end of round >> 32 sts.

Round 3: work all sts as they appear (so 'k1tbl' is knit through the back loop, the increased 'p' is purled).

Round 4: k1tbl, p1, M1p, k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, M1p, p1, k1tbl; k13 across foot sole to end of round >> 34 sts.

Round 6: k1tbl, p2, M1p, k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, M1p, p2, k1tbl; k13 across foot sole to end of round >> 36 sts.

Round 8: k1tbl, p3, M1p, k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, M1p, p3, k1tbl; k13 across foot sole to end of round >> 38 sts.

Round 10: k1tbl, p4, M1p, k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, M1p, p4, k1tbl and **STOP - do not knit to end of round** >> 40 sts.

[heel turn]

Shape the heel turn, using short rows, working back and forth over the 13 foot sole/heel stitches.
Leave remaining stitches on hold on other needle(s).



Row 1 (RS): k12, yarn to front (see image 1), slip 1 (2), yarn to back (3), put sl st back onto left needle (4), turn work: last st has horizontal wrap around st base (= wrap & turn or w&t; this avoids holes later).



Row 2 (WS): p11, yarn to back (1), sl 1 st (2), yarn to front, put sl st back (3), turn.



Row 3 (RS): k10, w&t

Row 4 (WS): p9, w&t

Row 5 (RS): k8, w&t

Row 6 (WS): p7, w&t

Row 7 (RS): k6, w&t

Row 8 (WS): p5, wrap and turn work **and STOP**.



Position: back at central 5 'live' heel sts, with 4 wrapped sts on either side of the heel turn.

[transition round, work carefully]

To conceal the wraps at the end of each short row, work the wrap and stitch as follows in the transition row:

On the left side of the heel turn - insert right needle from the front into wrap, slip wrap onto left needle and knit together.

At the right side of the heel - insert right needle from the front into wrap, slip wrap onto left needle and knit together through the back loop.

Pick up the wrapped stitches in one round, as follows:



Beginning at central 'live' sts, proceed: k5, (*do not turn*), slip next st (see 1), pick up wrap with tip of left needle (2). Put slipped st back on left needle (3) and knit together with its wrap (4). Repeat for next 3 wrapped sts.

Change to upper foot needle: k1tbl, p5 (=gusset), k1tbl, k13, k1tbl, p5 (=gusset), k1tbl.

Change to heel needle: pick up next 4 wraps and knit them together with their sts, but now through the back loop and **STOP**.



Position: back at the central 5 heel sts.

[heel flap, decreasing gusset stitches]



Redistribute stitches, so that left gusset (including the framing k1tbl) + the heel turn + the right gusset (including the framing k1tbl) are grouped on one single needle (see image). Put remaining, central 13 upper foot sts on hold on other needle. Work heel flap back and forth on heel needle:

1. K9, ssk, turn work (no wrap)
2. sl 1 st, p13, p2tog, turn
3. sl 1 st, k13, ssk, turn

Repeat rows 2 and 3 - ending with a WS row 2 - until total stitch count is back to 30: all purled gusset sts decreased.



End heel flap as follows, and resume knitting in the round, on RS of work:

sl 1 st, k13, cross next 2 sts *left-over-right* (see image).

Change to upper foot needle: k13.

Change to heel needle: cross first 2 sts *right-over-left*, knit until end of round.

[leg, cuff]

Knit 21 cm (8½") in StSt, or to preferred length.

Proceed with 1 x 1 rib: *k1tbl, p1 * - repeat from * to * till end of round. Repeat until cuff measures ± 2.5 cm (1").

[bindoff, finishing]

Bind off loosely in 1 x 1 rib pattern.

Weave in all ends on inside of sock. Block lightly under damp towel.

[thank you]

Dee Brown (blackrayne on Ravelry), for the wonderful idea (<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/dobby-style-sockmark>).

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