

## Froot loop



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The main stitch pattern on this sock uses an interesting method to achieve little rings going down the sock. Some (possibly more normal) people might see a chain or a necklace when they look at the sock. Not me. I see Froot Loops. I'm not sure why -- I don't think I

have ever eaten a Froot Loop in my life!\*

Every time I picked up this sock to start working on it, the idea of little lines of Froot Loops went through my head. Depending on your feelings towards sugary breakfast cereals, these little Froot Loops may not taste as good, but I bet they have more fiber! Note: Breakfast cereal was harmed in the photoshoot for this sock.

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SIZE Women's medium FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Leg circumference: 6 inches, unstretched; will comfortably stretch to fit up to 9 inches

MATERIALS

Cherry Tree Hill Sockittome [80% merino, 20% nylon; 480yd/439m per 100g skein]; color: Potluck; 1 skein

**Recommended needle size:**

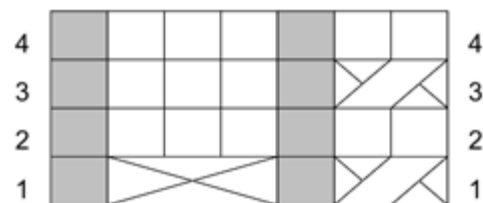
Set of 5 US #2/2.5mm double-point needles

*[always use a needle size that gives you the gauge listed below -- every knitter's gauge is unique]*

Tapestry needle

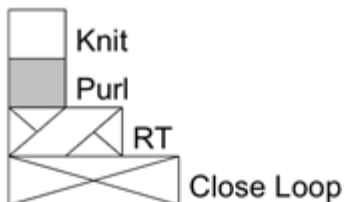
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## Froot Loop Pattern



34 sts/44 rows = 4 inches in stockinette st

### PATTERN NOTES



Froot Loop Pattern (Worked in the round over a multiple of 7 sts):

*Round 1:* [RT, p1, close loop, p1] to end.

*Round 2:* [K2, p1, k3, p1] to end.

*Round 3:* [RT, p1, k3, p1] to end.

*Round 4:* Work as for Round 2.

Repeat these 4 rounds for Froot Loop Pattern.

**m1p:** Make 1 purl stitch: Insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between last stitch on left needle and first stitch on right needle; purl this stitch. (Stitch will be twisted.)

**RT** (Right Twist): K2tog, but do not drop sts from left needle; insert right needle between sts just worked together and k into first st again; drop both sts from left needle.

**Close Loop:** Insert right needle into third st on left needle and draw this st over first 2 sts on left needle; k1, yo, k1.

**Close Loop Heel Variation:** Insert right needle into third st on left needle and draw this st over first 2 sts on left needle; k1, m1p, k1.

**Close Loop Toe Variation:** Insert right needle into third st on left needle and draw this st over first 2 sts on left needle; k1, m1, k1.



## DIRECTIONS

### **CUFF**

CO 63 sts.

Divide sts evenly between 3 needles, placing 21 sts on each needle.

Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist.

*Note: If you prefer to work the cuff and heel using 5 needles instead of 4, be sure each needle holds a multiple of 7 sts.*

*Round 1:* [K2 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1] 9 times.

Repeat this round until work measures 1 inch.

### **LEG**

Work Rounds 1-4 of Froot Loop Pattern 14 times or until leg is desired length to top of heel, ending with Round 4. Pattern repeat will be worked 9 times in each round.

*Note: In the next round, the heel variation of Close Loop will be worked over the sts that will form the heel flap.*

*Next Round:* [RT, p1, close loop, p1] 4 times, [RT, p1, close loop heel variation, p1] 4 times, RT, p1, close loop heel variation, do not work last st; slip this st to beginning of next needle.

Slip last 31 sts worked to one needle; heel flap will be worked back and forth over these 31 sts. Divide remaining 32 sts between 2 needles, placing 17 sts on first needle and 15 sts on second; these sts will be held for instep.

### **HEEL FLAP**

Work sts of heel flap as follows:

*Row 1 [WS]:* Sl 1, [k1, p1 tbl, k1, p2 tbl, k1, p1 tbl] 4 times, k1, p1 tbl.

*Row 2 [RS]:* Sl 1, [p1, k1 tbl, p1, k2 tbl, p1, k1 tbl] 4 times, p1, k1 tbl.

Repeat these 2 rows 10 times more, or until heel flap is desired depth. Work Row 1 once more.

### **TURN HEEL**

*Row 1 [RS]:* Sl1, k17, ssk, k1. Turn work.

*Row 2 [WS]:* Sl1, p6, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

*Row 3 [RS]:* Sl1, k7, ssk, k1. Turn work.

*Row 4 [WS]:* Sl1, p8, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

*Row 5 [RS]:* Sl1, k9, ssk, k1. Turn work.

*Row 6 [WS]:* Sl1, p10, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

*Row 7 [RS]:* Sl1, k11, ssk, k1. Turn work.

*Row 8 [WS]:* Sl1, p12, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

*Row 9 [RS]:* Sl1, k13, ssk, k1. Turn work.

*Row 10 [WS]:* Sl1, p14, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

*Row 11 [RS]:* Sl1, k15, ssk, k1. Turn work.



Row 12 [WS]: S11, p16, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

K remaining 19 sts of heel flap.

### **GUSSET**

Using a new needle and continuing from end of heel flap sts, pick up and k 11 sts (1 st in each slipped st) along adjacent edge of heel flap, and 2 sts in space between top of heel flap and beginning of instep sts. 13 sts. This needle will be designated Needle 1.

*Note: If you have worked more or fewer rows in the heel flap, you will have a different number of sts on Needles 1 and 3.*

Work 32 sts of instep over next two needles (Needles 2 and 3) in pattern as set.

Using another needle, pick up and k 2 sts in space between end of instep sts and top of heel flap, and 11 sts (1 st in each slipped st) along remaining edge of heel flap; k first 9 sts of heel flap. 22 sts. This needle will be designated Needle 4. Slip last 10 sts of heel flap to Needle 1; this point (bottom center of heel) is beginning of round.

77 sts: 23 sts on Needle 1, 17 sts on Needle 2, 15 sts on Needle 3, 22 sts on Needle 4.

*Round 1:* K to last 3 sts of Needle 1, k2tog, k1; work all sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set; k1, ssk, k to end of Needle 4.

*Round 2:* K to end of Needle 1; work all sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set; k to end of Needle 4.

Repeat these 2 rounds 5 times more, or until 65 sts remain; 17 sts each on Needles 1 and 2, 15 sts on Needle 3, 16 sts on Needle 4.

*Next Round:* K to last 3 sts of Needle 1, k2tog, k1; work all sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set; k to end of Needle 4.

64 sts: 16 sts each on Needles 1 and 4, 17 sts on Needle 2, 15 sts on Needle 3.

### **FOOT**

Continue in pattern, working sts on Needles 1 and 4 in stockinette st and sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set, until foot measures 2 inches less than desired length to end of toe, ending with Round 4 of Froot Loop Pattern.

*Next Round:* K to end of Needle 1, [k4, close loop toe variation] 4 times, k4; k to end of Needle 4; k sts on Needle 1 once more.

This point is now beginning of round. The needle which had been Needle 2 now becomes Needle 1, Needle 3 becomes Needle 2, etc.

### **TOE**

*Decrease Round:* K1, ssk, k to end of Needle 1; k to last 3 sts of Needle 2, k2tog, k1; k1, ssk, k to end of Needle 3; k to last 3 sts of Needle 4, k2tog, k1. 4 sts decreased.

K 1 round.

Repeat these 2 rounds 11 times more. 16 sts.

Slip sts from Needle 2 to Needle 1, and from Needle 3 to Needle 4. Graft sts on Needle 1 to sts on Needle 4.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Block if desired.

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