

## ***Peapod Socks***



These socks came out of my desire to use a particular stitch pattern found in Karen Hemingway's "Super Stitches Knitting". Her peapod stitch really appealed to me and so I went on a quest for a yarn that would show it off with some wicked stitch definition. Happily for me, Crystal Palace's Panda Silk turned out to be the perfect yarn for this pattern and, after adapting the pattern for knitting in the round, the combination has made a beautiful pair of socks.

### **Finished Size**

To fit a woman's medium foot

Circumference: 7.5 inches

### **Materials**

- ❖ 2 skeins Crystal Palace Panda Silk
- ❖ Set of 5 US#00 double pointed needles
- ❖ Tapestry needle

## Gauge

18 stitches and 26 rows = 2 inches in peapod pattern.

## Notes

- ❖ I found the Panda Silk to be somewhat finer than other sock yarns and so the gauge is quite tiny. If you're not interested in knitting so many tiny stitches using such tiny needles, I think you could probably get away with casting on 48 stitches onto US 2 needles and reducing the number of pattern repeats to four instead of six. I haven't tried this myself so, if you give it a go, let me know how it turns out.

## Abbreviations

BO	bind off
CO	cast on
K	knit
k2tog	knit two stitches together as one
Rnd	round
SSK	slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip next stitch purl-wise, knit the two stitches together through the back loop
YO	yarn over
*	starting point of repeat

## Stitch Guide

### *Peapod Pattern*

Row 1	K
Row 2	K
Row 3	K4, k2tog, k1, yo, *k9, k2tog, k1, yo*, repeat until 5 stitches remain, k to end
Row 4	K3, k2tog, k1, yo, *k9, k2tog, k1, yo*, repeat until 6 stitches remain, k to end
Row 5	K2, k2tog, k1, yo, *k9, k2tog, k1, yo*, repeat until 7 stitches remain, k to end
Row 6	K1, k2tog, k1, yo, *k9, k2tog, k1, yo*, repeat until 8 stitches remain, k to end
Row 7	K
Row 8	K
Row 9	K5, yo, k1, ssk, *k9, yo, k1, ssk*, repeat until 4 stitches remain, k to end
Row 10	K6, yo, k1, ssk, *k9, yo, k1, ssk*, repeat until 3 stitches remain, k to end
Row 11	K7, yo, k1, ssk, *k9, yo, k1, ssk*, repeat until 2 stitches remain, k to end
Row 12	K8, yo, k1, ssk, *k9, yo, k1, ssk*, repeat until 1 stitches remain, k to end

### *Eye of Partridge Stitch*

Row 1 Sl 1, p35  
Row 2 Sl 1, \*k1, sl 1,\* repeat from \* to end  
Row 3 Sl 1, p35  
Row 4 Sl1, \*sl 1, k1,\* repeat from \* until 2 stitches remain, k2

### **Pattern**

Cast on 72 stitches; divide stitches between three needles. Join in round and place marker (if desired).

#### *Cuff*

Work in k3,p1 rib for one inch.

#### *Leg*

Work Peapod pattern six times (approximately 5"). Knit 1 rnd.

Divide for heel flap by transferring 12 stitches from one needle to each of the other needles. There should be 36 stitches on each needle with three stitch patterns centered on each.

#### *Heel flap*

On one needle, work heel flap in Eye of Partridge stitch for 36 rows. [Set up heel turn by purling 1 row.](#)

#### *Turn heel*

Row 1 K21, ssk, k1, turn  
Row 2 ~~P8~~, p2tog, p1, turn  
Row 3 Knit to 1 st before gap formed on previous row, ssk, k1, turn  
Row 4 Purl to 1 st before gap formed on previous row, p2tog, p1, turn

Deleted: P9

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches have been worked.

#### *Gusset*

With a new needle, pick up and knit 18 stitches along edge of heel flap.

Knit across instep needle.

With another new needle, pick up and knit 18 stitches along edge of heel flap. Knit 10 heel stitches onto this needle.

Transfer remaining heel stitches to first gusset needle. You should have 28 stitches on Needle 1, 36 instep stitches on Needle 2, and 28 stitches on Needle 3.

#### *Gusset Decrease Round*

Needle 1 K until 2 stitches remain, ssk  
Needle 2 Work in peapod pattern  
Needle 3 K2tog, knit to end  
Row 1 Work dec round  
Row 2 Knit Needle 1 even, work Needle 2 in patt, knit Needle 3 even

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until 18 stitches remain on Needles 1 and 3; 72 stitches total.

#### *Foot*

Knit Needle 1, work Needle 2 in patt, knit Needle 3 until work is 2 inches less than desired finished length. End with **either** Row 6 or Row 12 of Peapod stitch.

#### *Toe*

Divide stitches evenly between four needles; 18 stitches on each needle.

#### *Toe Decrease Round*

Needle 1 K until 4 stitches remain, ssk, k2.

Needle 2 K2, k2tog, k to end.

Needle 3 K until 4 stitches remain, ssk, k2.

Needle 4 K2, k2tog, k to end.

Knit 4 rounds even.

Work one toe dec rnd; 4 stitches decreased. K one rnd. Alternate toe dec rnd with even rnd five more times; 48 stitches remain.

Work toe dec rnd every row for four rows; 32 stitches remain.

With Needle 4, knit stitches on Needle 1. Combine stitches on Needles 2 and 3 onto one needle.

#### *Finishing*

Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. Using Kitchener stitch, graft remaining stitches together. Weave in ends and block.

#### **Contact**

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