Flippant

an original design by Sivia Harding

Ever get annoyed at how thong sandles hurt between your toes? Here are some cute lacy little thong socks in two lengths and three sizes, to pad your toes and keep your feet feeling great all summer. Wear them underneath thongs, flip flops and all your other sandals.

Finished Measurements
Foot Circumference 8 (8.5, 9)"/20 (21.5, 23)cm
Sock Length 2 (3.25)" from cast on to base of big toe

Materials and Tools
Small amount of fingering weight yarn. Samples used Sundara Yarn's Fingering Silky Merino in Robin's Egg and Koigu KPM 150
Knitting needles: 2.25mm (size 1-2 U.S.), set of 4 double pointed needles, 2 circular needles or 1 long circular needle, or size to obtain gauge
Stitch marker

Gauge
32 sts and 50 rows = 4"/10cm in Stockinette Stitch (knit every round)
Always take time to check your gauge.

NOTE: Please refer to Flippant Lace Chart on Page 2 for Flippant lace pattern.

Sock (make 2)
Using your chosen cast on method, cast on 60 (64, 68) stitches. Join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Place stitch marker to designate beginning of round, if needed.
Round 1: Knit
Round 2: Purl
Round 3: Knit
Round 4: Purl
Rounds 5-7: Knit
Rounds 8-11: K0 (1, 2), work Rounds 1-4 of Flippant lace pattern over 9 stitches, repeated 3 times (27 stitches total), knit to end.
Rounds 12 & 13: Knit
Rounds 14-17: K3 (4, 5), work Rounds 7-10 of Flippant lace pattern over 9 stitches, repeated 3 times (27 stitches total), knit to end.
Rounds 18 & 19: Knit
For body lace pattern, work Rounds 8-19 once (twice), then Rounds 8-13.

Finishing Rounds - Right Sock
Round 20: P18 (19, 20), k7, p13 (14, 15), k7, p16 (17, 18)
Round 21: Knit
Round 22: P18 (19, 20), k7, p13 (14, 15), k7, p16 (17, 18)
Round 23: Bind off 19 (20, 21) stitches, k6. Attach new strand of yarn, bind off 13 (14, 15) stitches, k7, bind off remaining stitches. Cut yarn and draw through final loop.

You will have two sets of 7 stitches live on the needles, one with the working yarn attached. With the working yarn, work back and forth in stockinette stitch (Knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 2", ending on a purl row. Cut yarn, leaving a tail of at least 12". Graft the two sets of live stitches together with Kitchener stitch.

Weave in all ends.

Dampen and allow to dry flat, or steam socks flat. Wear and enjoy!

Finishing Rounds - Left Sock

Round 20: P5 (6, 7), k7, p34 (36, 38), k7, p7 (8, 9)

Round 21: Knit

Round 22: P5 (6, 7), k7, p34 (36, 38), k7, p7 (8, 9)

Round 23: Bind off 5 (6, 7) stitches, k6. Attach new strand of yarn, bind off 34 (36, 38) stitches, k7, bind off remaining stitches. Cut yarn and draw through final loop.

Complete as for Right Sock.

Flippant Lace Chart

□   knit 1 stitch

⟋   knit 2 together

⟍   ssk (slip, slip, knit)

○   yarnover

■   no stitch... skip these stitches and do not work

About Sivia Harding

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