



## **Ribbed Cake Icing Socks**

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What inspired you to create the pattern? I wanted to make these socks for my daughter's birthday – which thanks to Disney's Little Einstein's, she was well aware that a proper birthday party has cake and balloons. Since I couldn't make birthday socks like balloons, I decided to find choose yarn whose colors really popped – like cake icing. And then I found Cascade Spray Dyed yarn.

### **Materials**

Crochet Hook – sized appropriately for yarn type

Knitting Loom: Fine Gauge Child sized knitting loom – at least 34 pegs.

(To increase size, then obviously you will need different sized looms, instructions below is for a toddler size 5" sock.)

Yarn: >100 yards, DK weight or smaller, Cascade Fixations – Effects and Spray Dyed (9980)

Gauge: 5.5s = 1" #5-9

Notions: Since we live in a very hot climate, my socks are all ankle socks, however you could certainly make them longer.

### **Pattern Notes:**

This pattern is very easy. You do need to know how to do the following:

1. Increases and Decreases
2. Knit (flat stitch NOT e-wrap stitch)
3. E-wrap stitch (aka twisted stitch)
4. Purl

### **Instructions:**

These are TOE UP socks. Cast on with your preference – sample was cast on with a e-wrap stitch (twisted stitch). You will be casting on half the pegs of the loom – in the sample, I cast on 17 pegs. Knit the entire first row including the peg 17. I used the increase/decrease

method from Islea Phillips at Décor accents. With 17 pegs, I divided it into thirds – which meant that I decreased on each side by 5 stitches. For a FG loom with 34 pegs your increase and decrease will look like the following:

Decrease	Turn (Wrap and Twist)	Increase
1-16	17	6-13
16-2	1	13-5
2-15	16	5-14
15-3	2	14-4
3-14	15	4-15
14-4	3	15-3
4-13	14	3-16
13-5	4	16-2
5-12	13	2-17
12-6	5	17-1

To wrap and twist means that you will take the existing stitch OFF the peg, then e-wrap the peg to turn on it and then place the stitch back onto the peg. The bottom stitch should be the new one and the top stitch should be the old one. Do NOT knit these stitches – just turn and decrease as listed above.

When it is time to increase, knit two over one (the two stitches that were created at turning and the new stitch that is placed there when increasing). Then e-wrap the stitch (turning on the stitch) so that you've knitted the stitch twice now. This will help prevent little holes at the increases.

Once you have finished knitting the toe, then stretch the toe placing it upon the other 17 pegs. The 17 pegs you originally worked on to create the toe, will be your insole and the other 17 will be the top of your sock. You'll be doing a ribbed pattern for the top with a flat stitch on the bottom (the original 17). The rib stitch is the following:

Pegs 18-32:

Knit 2, Purl 2

When you come to peg 33 you will knit (1), then (peg 34) purl (1).

Then you will be back to your original 17 – which you will knit stitch.

Continue this pattern until about .5" before the heel (sample was knit 4.5" and then began working the heel). At this point, you will decrease and increase on the original 17 again to create the heel.

Once you have finished working the heel, you will now work the leg. This will be a ribbed pattern but slightly different. The following will be knitted until desired length (sample was 2").

Knit 1, Purl 1

You will bind off using the crocheted chain method.

Knit the second one this way as well.