

## Oh So Nikki Socks



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**Materials:** 100 gr. Fingering weight sock yarn

1 set of size 1 dp needles (set of five)

**Gauge:** 8 sts = 1" in stockinette st.

Abbreviations:

SIYO3 – Slip the YO over last three knitted sts.

*Designer's Note: These socks were hiding in a container in my family room and I found them recently and said to myself "These are oh so Nikki!" Nikki is one of my twin granddaughters and she had requested "grandma socks with bright green and orange" and these fit the bill and then some. I hope you have a Nikki in your life who will love them too.*

**Pattern Stitch** (6 st. repeat)

Rounds 1, 3 and 5: \*YO, K3, SIYO3, K3. Repeat from \* around.

Rounds 2 and all even rounds through 12: Knit around.

Rounds 7, 9 and 11: \* K3, YO, K3, SIYO3. Repeat from \* around.

**Directions:** Cast On 60 sts over four needles and work K1, P1 rib for 1-1/2". Change to pattern and work the 12 pattern rounds four times. Knit across the first needle and turn work for heel flap.

**Heel Flap:** Sl 1, then purl remaining sts across needles 1 and 4. Place all stitches on one needle for heel flap.

Row 2: (Sl 1, K1) across needle

Repeat the last two rows, completing 23 rows, ending with a purl row and right side facing you.

**Turn Heel:**

Row 1: Sl 1, K16, SKP (Slip, knit and pass slip stitch over), K 1, Turn work

Row 2: Sl 1, P 5, P 2 tog, P 1, Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K 6, SKP, K 1, Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P 7, P 2 tog, P 1, turn

Continue in this manner, working one more stitch before decrease on each row until all sts have been worked. 16 sts. remain.

Knit across and begin gussets.

**Gussets:**

Pick up 13 sts along the side of the heel flap, M 1 in loop between heel flap and instep needle, knit across two instep needles, M 1 in loop between instep needle and heel flap, pick up 13 sts. along other side of heel flap. Divide heel sts between needles 1 and 4. Work 1 round, knitting M 1 st with the last st. on first side of the gusset and second st. on the second side of the gusset and knitting all sts on instep needles.

Decrease Round: Knit to 3 sts from end of first needles, SKP, K1. Knit across instep needles.

K1, K2 tog, knit remaining sts. on fourth needle.

Work one round with no decrease, always knitting sts. on instep.

Repeat these two rounds until heel needles (1 & 4) have 15 sts. on each needle.

**Foot:** Work around as established until foot length is 1-1/2" less than desired length from back of heel.

**Toe:**

Decrease Round: Work until 3 sts remain on first needle, SKP, K 1.

K1, K2tog, K remaining sts on needle two.

Knit sts on needle 3 until 3 sts. remain, SKP, K1.

K1, K2 tog, K remaining sts on needle 4.

Knit two rounds.

Repeat these three rounds twice. Then work decrease round every other row three times.

Work decrease round every row until 5 sts. remain on each needle. Combine sts from needles 1 and 4 on one needle and sts. from needles 2 and 3 on one needle.

Graft toe

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