

Lacy Spring Socks

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- **Finished Size:** Midfoot circumference 8 inches, will stretch to fit 9 inches
- **Needles:** Size 0 (2.00mm) DPNs
- **Yarn:** Argosy Luxury Fibers Five Oaks Ranch Bamboo [20% superwash wool/80% Bamboo] Sage (2 skeins)
- **Yardage:** 250-350 yards
- **Gauge:** 38 sts x 50 rows = 4 inches
- **Extras:** Stitch marker, stitch holder or scrap yarn, tapestry needle

These socks were actually inspired by a commercial for rheumatoid arthritis medication, if you can believe it. There was a pair of socks in that commercial that were too pretty not to translate into hand knitting. They feature a lace front with a stockinette back, which makes the knitting go quickly. The lace pattern is simpler than it appears and is easy to memorize. The instructions for the lace are both written and in chart form.

Made from wicking, lightweight bamboo with just enough wool for some elasticity, the Lacy Spring Socks are a great warm-weather sock. These socks are very stretchy and will stretch to fit a 9" foot circumference. If the gauge swatch or cuff is too large, try using a yarn with more wool content for a snugger fit.

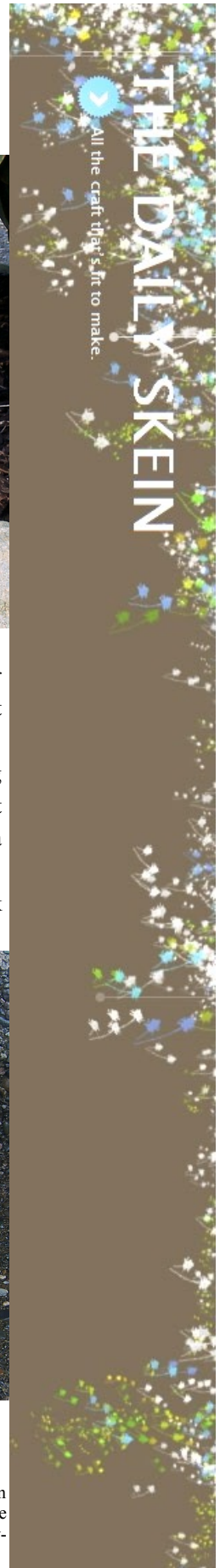
The construction of these socks is a very traditional top-down construction, making them an easy sock for beginners or anyone who wants a simple project to work on at picnics or in the car. For a quicker project, these socks would make cute anklets!



Please Note: I post my patterns as soon as I've completed them because I'm excited to share them with you. They have not been fully tested. But they are free. I've made every effort to make sure that the instructions are clear and error-free. There may be typos or pattern mistakes and if you find them or have *any* questions, **please** let me know by posting a comment at dailyskein.wordpress.com or email me, dailyskein@gmail.com.



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Cuff

CO 76 sts and divide evenly among 4 needles. Join in the round, being careful not to twist. Place marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Ribbing: *k1tbl, p1* to the end of the round.

Work Ribbing for approximately 1 inch.

Leg (Instructions in brackets are also represented in chart form. The chart repeats twice, with 4 knit stitches in between the repeats not shown on the chart.)

Round 1: [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k5, YO, ssk, k4, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] k4, [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k5, YO, ssk, k4, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] knit to the end of the round.

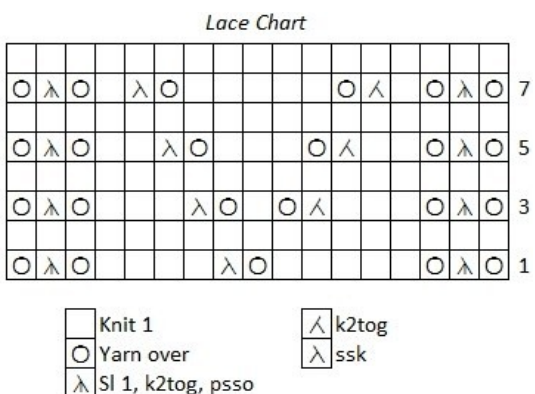
Round 2, 4, 6, 8: Knit.

Round 3: [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k3, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k3, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] k4, [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k3, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, ssk, k3, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] knit to the end of the round.

Round 5: [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k2, k2tog, YO, k3, YO, ssk, k2, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k4, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k2, k2tog, YO,] k3, [YO, ssk, k2, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] knit to the end of the round.

Round 7: [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k1, k2tog, YO, k5, YO, ssk, k1, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] k4, [YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k1, k2tog, YO, k5, YO, ssk, k1, YO, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, YO,] knit to the end of the round.

Repeat Rounds 1-8 until leg is desired length, shown 4 1/4 inches.



Heel

At the end of any odd round, turn. The heel will be worked back and forth over the 38 stockinette stitches on the back of the sock. Move the other 38 stitches to a stitch holder or scrap yarn.

Row 1 (WS): Sl 1, purl 37, turn.

Row 2 (RS): *Sl 1, k1* to the end, turn.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until heel flap measures 2 inches,

ending on a WS row.

Heel Turn

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1, k20, ssk, k1, turn. 1 st decreased.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. 1 st decreased.

Row 3: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1, turn. 1 st decreased.

Row 4: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn. 1 st decreased.

Continue working one more stitch each row until all stitches have been worked, ending on a WS row. 21 stitches remain.

Set up for gusset: Sl 1, knit across heel stitches. Using the same needle (Needle 1), pick up 1 stitch in each slipped stitch along the edge of the heel flap. Return held stitches to two needles (Needles 2 and 3) and work across instep stitches in lace pattern as established. Using an empty needle (Needle 4), pick up 1 stitch in each slipped stitch along the other edge of the heel flap, knit 10 heel stitches from Needle 1 onto Needle 4. Mark this as the beginning of the round.

Gusset Shaping

Round 1: K2tog, knit to 3 stitches before the end of Needle 1, k2tog, k1, work across Needles 2 and 3 in pattern, k1, ssk, knit to the end of the round. 3 stitches decreased.

Round 2: Knit to the end of Needle 1, work Needles 2 and 3 in lace pattern as established, knit to the end of the round.

Round 3: Knit to 3 stitches before the end of Needle 1, k2tog, k1, work across Needles 2 and 3 in lace pattern as established, k1, ssk, knit to the end of the round. 2 stitches decreased.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 until 76 remain.

Foot

Knit to the end of Needle 1, work Needles 2 and 3 in lace pattern as established, knit to the end of the round until the sock measures 2" shorter than desired length, ending on Row 7 if possible.

Toe

Round 1: Knit to 3 stitches before the end of Needle 1, k2tog, k1; k1, ssk, knit to 3 stitches before then end of Needle 3, k1, k2tog; k1, ssk, knit to the end of the round. 4 stitches decreased.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until 20 stitches remain.

Knit to the end of Needle 1. Move stitches from Needle 2 to Needle 3. Move stitches from Needle 4 to Needle 1. Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Graft stitches on Needle 1 to Needle 2.

Block if desired.

