



# PICOT SOCKS

## pompom

quarterly

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**Sizes:** 1 (2, 3)

**Foot Circumference:** 19 (22, 24.5) cm / 7 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> , 10)"

Foot length is adjustable.

Model is wearing size 1.

**Yarn:** La Bien Aimee Sock (3ply / light fingering weight, 75% Bluefaced Leicester 25% Nylon; 425 m / 465 yds per 100 g skein) Shade: Pom; 1 skein

**Gauge:** 30 sts and 44 rows = 10 cm / 4" over stocking stitch after blocking

**Knitting Needles:** 2.5 mm / US 1½, 100 cm / 40" circular needle for magic loop  
2.25mm / US 1, 100cm / 40" circular needle for magic loop

Always use a needle size that will result in the correct gauge after blocking.

**Notions:** darning needle, split ring marker / coil-less safety pin, scrap yarn

**Pattern Begins:**

### TOE

Using 'Magic Cast On' (see <http://bit.ly/HRxFpS> or Pom Pom Issue 12 for tutorial) cast on 22 sts (11 sts per needle). If you wish, insert a split ring marker or coiless safety pin to mark start of the Round.

Knit one round knitting through the back loop of the stitches on needle 2 which will be twisted from the cast on.

### Begin increasing for the toe:

**Round 1:** Needle 1: kfb, k to last st, kfb;  
Needle 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. *4 sts inc*

**Round 2:** K to end.

Rep last 2 rounds a further 8 (10, 12) times. *58 (66, 74) sts; 29 (33, 37) per needle*

### FOOT

Work in St st across both needles until foot measures 10 (11.5, 12.5) cm / 4 (4 ½ , 5)" less than desired length of foot.

## GUSSET

**Round 1:** Needle 1: k to end; Needle 2: kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. *2 sts inc*

**Round 2:** K to end.

Rep rounds 1 & 2 a further 11 (12, 14) times.  
*53 (59, 67) sts on Needle 2; 82 (92, 104) sts total*

## HEEL TURN

Knit to end of Needle 1, then work back and forth in rows on Needle 2 only as follows.

**Short Row 1 (RS):** K40 (45, 51), w&t.

**Short Row 2 (WS):** P27 (31, 35), w&t.

**Short Row 3:** K to 1 st before wrapped st, w&t

**Short Row 4:** P to 1 st before wrapped st, w&t

Repeat Short Rows 3-4 a further 6 (7, 8) times.

*13 (15, 17) centre sts with 8 (9, 10) wrapped sts on each side, plus 12 (13, 15) gusset stitches on each side*

Knit to end of round, picking up wraps and knitting them together with their sts as you go.

## DECREASE GUSSET

**Next round:** Needle 1: k to end; Needle 2: picking up the remaining wraps and knitting them together with their sts through the back loop as you go, k39 (44, 50), ssk, turn.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1 pwise wyif, p25 (29, 33), p2tog, turn.

**Row 2 (RS):** Sl1 pwise wyib, k25 (29, 33), ssk, turn.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 a further 11 (12, 14) times, do not turn on the final row. *1 side st rem; 28 (32, 36) sts on Needle 2*

Work across all sts in pattern, knitting the first 2 sts on Needle 2 together to complete the gusset decrease. *27 (31, 35) sts on Needle 2; 56 (64, 72) sts total*

## LEG

Continue to work in St st in the rnd until leg measures 5 cm / 2" from end of gusset decreases.



## PICOT HEM

**Next Rnd:** \*Yo, k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd.  
Knit one round.

Change to smaller needles and continue to work in St st in the rnd for a further 2.5 cm / 1".

### Work sewn hem as follows:

1. Transfer sts to scrap yarn (you don't have to do this but we find it easier).
2. Cut working yarn about 20 cm / 7" longer than length of hem to be sewn (in this case the circumference of the sock), and thread onto darning needle.
3. Fold hem into position, if you want to you can use pins (preferably blunt) to secure hem whilst it is being worked.
4. Attach your hem to the line of purl bumps above where the sts sit when the hem is folded as follows:  
Thread yarn through purl bump corresponding to stitch to be sewn,  
Next thread yarn through corresponding stitch on needle, drop this stitch off scrap yarn and slide next stitch along ready to be sewn.  
Rep Step 4 until all stitches have been sewn.



## Finishing:

Weave in ends, hand wash, and dry flat. Wear!



## ABBREVIATIONS

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| k     | Knit   |
| k2tog | Knit 2 together  |
| kfb   | Knit front and back  |
| p     | Purl   |
| pwise | Purlwise   |
| rem   | Remain(s)  |
| rnd   | Round  |
| sl    | Slip   |
| ssk   | Slip, slip, knit   |
| st(s) | Stitch(es)   |
| St st | Stocking stitch  |
| w&t   | Wrap and turn: On RS rows, move yarn to front, sl st from left needle to right needle, turn. On WS rows, move yarn to back, sl st from left needle to right needle, move yarn to front, sl st back to left needle, turn. |
| wyib  | With yarn in back  |
| wyif  | With yarn in front   |
| yo    | yarn over  |