

Snow Leopard Twin-Rib Socks

Yarn: Snow Leopard Trust Camel

Needles: US #5(3.75mm) double-points and 16" circular (for casting on)

Twin-Rib: Rnd 1 - knit 3, purl 3

Rnd2 - knit 1, purl1

*Cross Join - slip the first cast-on stitch onto needle 4 (next to the last cast-on stitch). Slip the last cast-on stitch over the first cast-on stitch and onto the needle 1.

Slip all stitches purl-wise with yarn in back

LEG

Using the long-tail cast-on loosely CO 36 stitches onto the 16" circular needle. Transfer these stitches onto the double-points, 9 stitches on each needle. Join* being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit 1, purl 1 for 6 rounds. Begin Twin-Rib with Rnd 1 and knitting to desired length, ending with Rnd 2.

HEEL FLAP

Knit the stitches from needle 1 onto needle 4 - 18 stitches are now on one needle. Turn and slip 1, purl 17 stitches. Turn.

Row 1: Slip 1, knit1 across

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 17

Repeat these two rows 8 times MORE, ending with Row 2. (i.e. 9 times and 18 rows)
You should have 9 slip stitches on each side.

TURN HEEL

Row 1 - knit 11, ssk, turn

Row 2 - slip 1, purl 4, purl tog, turn

Row 3 - slip 1 knit 4, ssk, turn

Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with row 2 and 6 stitches on the needle.

GUSSET

Knit 6 stitches from heel needle, pick-up and knit 9 stitches in the slip stitches along the side. Twin Rib pattern across needles 2 and 3, starting with round 1. Pick-up and knit 9 stitches in the slip stitches along the side and knit 3 stitches from needle 1. You now have 42 stitches.

Round 1: needle 1 - knit to last 3 stitches, knit 2 tog, knit 1

needles 2 and 3 - Twin Rib pattern

needle 4 - knit 1, ssk, knit to end

Round 2: - knit the stitches on needles 1 and 4, Twin Rib pattern on needles 2 and 3.

Repeat these two rounds, decreasing every other round and keeping needles 2 and 3 in Twin Rib pattern until you have 9 stitches on needles 1 and 4.

Knit even, keeping needles 1 and 4 in stockinette and needles 2 and 3 in Twin Rib pattern until $1\frac{1}{2}$ " before the toe.

TOE

Round 1 - knit

Round 2 - knit 2 tog at the end of every needle

Repeat these two rounds until you have 8 stitches left. Break yarn, leaving enough length to draw through remaining stitches and to weave in the end. Weave in all remaining ends. Fini!