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(Zokni means socks in Hungarian; the recipient—and model—is of Hungarian descent.)

I've always loved playing around with different stitch patterns, and these socks are an example of my experiments. I picked the Drooping Elm Leaf pattern from Barbara Walker's first *Treasury of Knitting Patterns* and fashioned a simple top-down pair of socks. Feel free to make your own variations—perhaps a heel flap instead of a short-row heel, or go toe-up—and have some fun! I would really love it if you would e-mail me photos of your finished pairs, even if modified. My e-mail is mintyfreshflavor@gmail.com; feel free to send questions my way as well.

Yarn

2 skeins Knit Picks Essential sock yarn

Materials

2.5 mm needles, using preferred in-the-round method, or size to get appropriate gauge **Note:** Addi Turbo US 1s are 2.5 mm; standard US 1s are 2.25 mm—for a women's size medium pair of socks, true US 2s, 2.75 mm, may be perfect)

stitch markers, if desired

Gauge

8 stitches to 1 inch; row gauge not important (See note in "Size.")

Size

Women's small/medium

Note: The socks shown are on a women's size 5.5 foot; the lace pattern will open up more on larger feet (my feet are size 7.5, and these socks fit around fine). Should you want an effect more similar to the photos, I recommend changing your gauge to more like 7.5 stitches/in or even 7 sts/in, which may mean true US 2s would work fine for you. (See note in "Materials.")

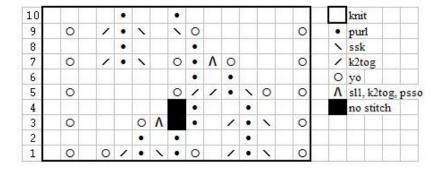
Directions

Cuff

Cast on 60 stitches. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Work k1,p1 ribbing for 10 rounds.

Leg

Begin pattern, using chart. Each chart row repeats 4 times in one round. Place markers between repeats if desired.



Work rounds 1–10 until desired length for leg. (Socks shown have 6 full pattern repeats down the leg.)

Heel

If using Magic Loop or two circulars, needle 1 will have the heel stitches, needle 2 the instep. If working on dpns, rearrange stitches so that needle 1 holds two full panels of the pattern; transfer the instep stitches to scrap yarn or another needle.

Work the heel on needle 1 only.

For more detailed short-row heel directions, see Wendy Johnson's Generic Toe-Up Sock Pattern at http://www.wendyjohnson.net/blog/sockpattern.htm

Row 1: Knit 29 stitches. Wrap the last, unworked stitch, and turn.

Row 2: Slip the first, unworked, stitch. Purl to the last stitch, wrap, and turn.

Row 3: Slip 1, knit to 1 stitch before unworked stitch, wrap, and turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, purl to 1 stitch before unworked stitch, wrap, and turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until 14 stitches are "live" in the middle.

Continue with the second half of the heel:

Row 1: Knit 14. On the next stitch, pick up the wrap and knit it with the stitch. Wrap the next stitch (it will have two wraps) and turn.

Row 2: Slip 1, purl to wrapped stitch, pick up the wrap and purl it with the stitch. Wrap the next stitch and turn.

On each subsequent row you will pick up both wraps and knit or purl them together with the stitch. Continue until you have worked all the stitches. 30 stitches.

Foot

Begin working again in the round, working bottom of foot (needle 1, or the first 30 stitches) in plain stockinette and instep stitches (needle 2, last 30 stitches) in pattern. If desired, pick up a stitch at the junction between the heel and the instep and work two stitches together in order to close up any holes. If necessary, place markers at the beginning and end of the instep. Work even until 1.5 inches from desired length of sock.

Note: The stitch pattern's stitch count changes on rows 3 and 4. It's best to not stop working the foot in these rows; if you're close, stop after row 2 or after row 5.

Toe

Round 1: Ssk, k to 2 stitches from end of needle 1 (or marker), k2tog. Repeat on needle 2 (or with remaining stitches).

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 14 stitches on each needle.

Kitchener stitch across live stitches and secure. Weave in any ends.

Done!