

Jaywalker Socks – Toe Up

After struggling to follow another toe up version of the Jaywalker pattern, I assembled these notes for easier reading. I don't claim credit for any creative effort other than document formatting. (Kudos to Grumperina for her creativity in writing the original top down pattern.) I did not experiment with other sizes, so only the stitch counts for my size 8½ foot appear below. Note that it's a good idea to knit *loosely* in the leg portion if you want to have a hope of getting the sock over your heel, because this stitch pattern does not stretch. – susanh02

References:

Magic cast-on – <http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>
Natalia Knits' Toe Up Version – <http://azazello.org/nataliaknits/?p=36>
Jaywalker pattern – <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/jaywalker#>
Jaywalker in extended sizes – <http://www.grumperina.com/jaywalkbigger.htm>
Judy Gibson's "You're putting me on" heels – <http://tiajudy.com/soxform.htm>



Needles

Size 0 (2.0mm) or size 1, depending on your gauge

Yarn

Fingering weight

Finished Size

Width around foot: 9" (23 cm)

Gauge

38 sts = 4" (10 cm) in zigzag stitch pattern; 31 sts = 4" (10 cm) in st st knit circularly.

Rounds

- Original pattern uses 5 dpns. Those rounds begin in center back of the leg which she calls needle #1.
- For toe up version using magic loop, foot rounds begin on the side of the sole.

Stitches

M1L (Make One Left) = From the **front**, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into **back** of loop.

M1R (Make One Right) = From the **back**, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into **front** of loop.

k-f/b = Increase 1 st by knitting the front and back loops of the same st.

dd = double decrease - slip 2 sts together as if to knit, knit the next st, pass the slipped sts over the knitted st.
ssk = slip knitwise, slip 2nd knitwise, knit both tog.

Toe Increases

Rnd 1: k1, M1L, k to penultimate st, M1R, k1

Rnd 2: k every st

Zigzag Pattern for Foot

Rnd 1: k every st

Rnd 2: slip 1, k across sole, slip 1. (Slip purlwise.)

* **k-f/b**, k7, **dd**, k7, **k-f/b**; repeat from * a total of 2 times.

Zigzag Pattern for Gusset Increases

Rnd 1: k every st

Rnd 2: **k-f/b**, k across sole, **k-f/b**.

* **k-f/b**, k7, **dd**, k7, **k-f/b**; repeat from * a total of 2 times.

Zigzag Pattern for Leg

Rnd 1: k every st

Rnd 2: * **k-f/b**, k7, **dd**, k7, **k-f/b**; repeat from * a total of 4 times.

Toe

Magic cast-on per Knitty.com. (<http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>) Cast on **36**, 18 on each of 2 needles. Continue with magic instructions: (k1, M1L, k to penultimate st, M1R, k1) on both needles. Knit around. Continue increase and k rounds until there are 64 sts total, **32** per needle. This is 14 rounds if you stop after the last increase.

Foot

Set-up rows for foot:

Rnd 1: k every st

Rnd 2: k every st on sole side. **k-f/b**, knit **30**, **k-f/b** on instep side.

Rnd 3: k every st

Rnd 4: k every st on sole side. [**k-f/b**, knit **15**, **k-f/b**] twice on instep side

There should now be **32** stitches on the sole side needle, and **38** on the instep needle. Begin knitting in zigzag pattern on instep stitches, stockinette on sole. *Optionally, per original pattern heel gusset note:* In the heel and foot portions, slip one stitch every other round on each edge of the sole.

Continue knitting until you are ready to begin gusset increases. e.g. for a 7.5 shoe this is approximately 4.5 - 5 inches. For size 8½ W, this is **5.75"**.

Gusset

On the sole side, place markers **5** stitches in from each edge, so there are **22** stitches between markers. Increase the gusset by working a round of all knit, then a patterned round, increasing with a k-f/b in the first and last stitch on the sole side of pattern rounds. Continue until there are **16** stitches on each side outside of the markers. (This results in a total of **54** stitches on the sole side of the sock.)

Heel Extension

This is equivalent to the "heel turn" on a cuff-down sock. Note that when knitting socks two-at-a time, you must complete one entire heel, then the other.

On the sole side of the foot, knit to the first marker. For this section, knit only between the two markers.

Row 1: SSK, knit to marker, turn.

Row 2: P2tog, purl to marker, turn.

Repeat these two rows, until there are **8** stitches remaining. The right side should be facing.

Heel Flap

Slip the first stitch (purlwise), knit across, then pick up **15** stitches down the edge of the heel extension. Turn. Slip the first stitch, purl across, and pick up **15** stitches down the other side of the heel extension. Turn. There are now **38** stitches between the markers.

Row 1: Slip the first stitch (purlwise), and knit the next (sl st, k1) to one stich before the next marker. SSK the following stitch and the first stitch after the marker. Replace the marker after the completed stitch. Turn.

Row 2: Slip the first stitch, purl to one stich before the next marker. P2tog the following stitch and the first stitch after the marker. Replace the marker after the just completed stitch. Turn.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until all gusset stitches have been used. There will be **38** stitches on the needle. (After the first few rows, the edges of the heel flap are obvious, and you can get rid of the markers entirely.

Leg

Resume knitting circularly, continuing the pattern on the front of the sock. Knit all around in the first row. On the next pattern row, begin the pattern on the back of the sock as well. Knit leg to desired length, and finish with 1 inch of 2×2 ribbing. Bind off *loosely* to avoid strangling your leg.