



Ampersand (upside down)

Pattern by Bobbi Kraft for Krafty1 Designs
 Toe-up version of Kristin Kapur's original design

Yarn: Socks That Rock, Mediumweight, County Clare colorway (Shown below in Artyarns Merino 6.)
Needle Size: US 3 (2.5mm): Adjust needle size to obtain proper gauge. (Pattern written for Magic Loop or 2-circulars method.)
Gauge: 27 sts=4" in pattern, slightly stretched
Size: 9" (23 cm) circumference at ankle, slightly stretched

Pattern

Toe:

CO 14 sts using Figure 8 (Judy's Magic Cast On) method (7 sts on each needle).

Knit one round.

Toe Increase Rnd: K1, m1f, knit to last 2 sts, m1b, K1. Repeat on second needle. 4 total sts increased.

Repeat Toe Increase Rnd 2 more times. (26 sts total.)

Knit one rnd. Knit one Toe Increase Rnd. Repeat these two rnds 6 more times. (54 sts total.)

Knit one more rnd. Begin foot with Chart pattern.

Chart:

	-	-			-		M1 f&b			\			/				M1 f&b	-			-	-		Row 2
	-	-			-													-			-	-		Row 1

	knit
-	purl
M1 f&b	Make one st by knitting into the front & the back of the stitch
/	Knit two together
\	Slip one st as if to knit, slip another st as if to knit, knit the two slipped sts together

Note: Needle A = sts for the top of the foot. Needle B = sts for the bottom of the foot. Chart is worked from right to left. Row 2 of chart intentionally has a different # of sts between the increase & decrease sts. This is done in order to create a mirror image on your socks.

Foot:

Set-up Round: Work 27 sts on Needle A in chart pattern starting with Row 1; k all sts on Needle B.

Continue in pattern as set, working sts n Needle A in chart pattern and sts on Needle B in stockinette st, until work measures approx. 4.5" (7.5 cm) less than desired foot length, ending with Row 2 of chart pattern.

Gusset:

Round 1: Work Needle A: in established pattern. Needle B: K1, m1f, knit to last stitch of Needle B, m1b, k1. (2 sts increased.)

Round 2: Work Needle A in established pattern. Needle B: Knit all stitches.

Repeat these 2 rounds 9 more times.

(When finished: Needle A 27 sts, Needle B 47 sts, 74 sts total.)



Heel Turn:

Work in established pattern to end of Needle A. Heel turn will be worked over 27 sts on Needle B as follows:

Row 1 [RS]: K32. Turn work.

Even-numbered Rows 2-10 [WS]: Sl1, p16. Turn work.

Odd-numbered Rows 3-9 [RS]: Sl1, k16. Turn work.

Row 11 [RS]: Sl1, k14, w&t.

Row 12 [WS]: Sl1, p12, w&t.

Row 13 [RS]: Sl1, k10, w&t.

Row 14 [WS]: Sl1, p8, w&t.

Row 15 [RS]: Sl1, k6, w&t.

Row 16 [WS]: Sl1, p4, w&t.

Heel Flap:

Row 17 [RS]: Sl1, k4, (k next st together with its wrap, k1) 3 times, pick up and k5 sts (one st in each slipped st) along edge of flap. Turn work.

Row 18 [WS]: Sl1, p15 (p next st together with its wrap, p1) times, pick up and p5 sts (one st in each slipped st) along edge of flap. Turn work.

Note: You will now have 57 total sts on Needle 2: 27 heel flap sts and 15 sts on each side of the heel flap.

Row 19 [RS]: (Sl1, k1) 13 times, ssk. Turn work.

Row 20 [WS]: Sl1, p25, p2tog. Turn work.

Repeat these two rows 13 more times. 29 sts remain on Needle B.

Repeat row 19 once more, but do not turn work. Proceed to Leg.

Note: there will be one unworked heel stitch at right edge of Needle B.

Leg

Next Round: Work established pattern across Needle A. For Needle B k2tog, k to end of Needle B. (54 sts total)

Next Round: Work across Needle A in established pattern. Repeat Needle A pattern across Needle B.

Continue to work all sts according to chart until work is 1" (2.5 cm) less than desired length, ending with Row 1 of chart. Work 1" (2.5 cm) of 1x1 rib. Bind off loosely.

Abbreviations

m1b = Make 1 stitch through the back. Insert left needle (from the back to front) under strand of yarn which makes the bar between next stitch on needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch.

m1f = Make 1 stitch through the front. Insert left needle (from the front to back) under strand of yarn which makes the bar between next stitch on needle and first stitch on right needle; knit this stitch tbl.

M1f&b = Make 1 by knitting into the front and back of the stitch.

k2tog = Knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = Purl 2 stitches together

sl1 = Slip 1 stitch knitwise

ssk = Slip one stitch knitwise, slip another stitch knitwise, knit the two slipped stitches together.

w&t = Wrap and turn. Bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next st to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this st to back of work, slip st back to left-hand needle, turn work to begin working back in the other direction.

tbl = Through back loop

Helpful Web Links:

Ampersand (original pattern): <http://throughtheloops.typepad.com/Ampersand.pdf> (revised with permission)

Judy's Magic Cast On method: <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>

Wendy's Figure 8 Cast On method: <http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter02/FEATtiptoptoes.html>

Knitting Help (for Make 1 stitch demonstrations): <http://www.knittinghelp.com>

Elizabeth Zimmerman's Sewn Bind Off: <http://www.woolywonder.com/classpages/sewncastoff/sewncastoff.htm>