

# Knit Baby's First Sock

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## I N S T R U C T I O N S

### Stitch Guide

Three Needle Bind-off Method: Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with either right sides or wrong sides of the work facing together as instructed. \*Insert a third needle into the first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. Knit the next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass the first stitch over the second stitch. Repeat from \* until one stitch remains on the third needle. Cut yarn and pull the tail through the last stitch.



Ann Budd's knitted Baby's First Sock.

*Photograph by Joe Coca.*

## M A T E R I A L S

Dale of Norway Baby Ull (fingering-weight), 100% machine-washable wool yarn, 191 yards (175 m)/50 g ball, 1 ball of #5303 lavender  
Needles, one set of four double pointed size 1 (2.25 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge  
Tapestry needle  
Stitch marker

*Materials are available at yarn and needlework stores or from mail-order or online resources.*

Finished size: About 4 inches (10 cm) foot circumference, 4¼ inches (11 cm) long from top of leg to base of heel, and 4¼ inches (11 cm) long from back of heel to tip of toe  
Gauge: 20 sts and 26 rnds = 2 inches (5.1 cm) in basket-weave pattern stitch worked in the round

## A B B R E V I A T I O N S

beg—beginning  
BO—bind off  
CO—cast on  
cont—continue  
dec—decrease; decreased  
dpn—double-pointed needles  
k—knit  
k2tog—knit 2 stitches together  
k3tog—knit 3 stitches together  
p—purl  
pm—place marker  
p2tog—purl 2 stitches together  
p3tog—purl 3 stitches together  
patt—pattern  
pssso—pass slipped stitch over last stitch worked  
rem—remain; remaining  
rep—repeat  
rnd(s)—round(s)  
RS—right side  
sl—slip  
ssk—slip 2 stitches individually knitwise, return them to left needle, then knit them together through their back loops  
st(s)—stitch(es)  
tog—together  
WS—wrong side  
yo—yarn over

## Leg

CO 49 sts. Distribute sts over 3 dpn so that 14 sts are on the first two needles and 21 sts are on the third needle. Pm and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. P 2 rnds. K 1 rnd. Work lacey border as follows, *Rnd 1*: \*K2tog, [k1, yo] twice, k1, k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd.

*Rnd 2*: K.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 three more times. P 1 rnd. P 1 more rnd, ending 1 st before end of rnd marker. Sl last st temporarily to right needle, remove marker, return last st to beg of first needle, replace marker. On next rnd, k2tog, k15 on first needle; k16 on second needle; k16 on third needle—48 sts rem; 16 sts each needle; dec st is first st on first needle. Work basket-weave patt as follows,

*Rnds 1–3*: \*P5, k3; rep from \* to end of rnd.

*Rnds 4–6*: \*P1, k3, p4; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 1–6 three more times, then work Rnds 1–3 once more—27 rnds total.

## Heel

Heel flap—work 23 heel sts back and forth in rows as follows,

*Set-up Row 1*: P1, k3, p5, k3 onto first needle, sl rem 4 sts onto second needle. Turn work.

*Set-up Row 2*: (WS) Sl 1, p2, k5, p3, k5, p3, k4—23 heel sts on one needle for heel.

Divide rem 25 sts evenly between 2 needles to work later for instep. Cont as follows,

*Row 1*: Sl 1, p3, k3, [p5, k3] twice.

*Rows 2 and 4*: Sl 1 k3, p3, [k5, p3] twice.

*Row 3*: Sl 1, k2, [p5, k3] twice, p4.

*Rows 5 and 7*: Sl 1, p3, k3, [p5, k3] twice.

*Row 6*: Sl 1, p2, [k5, p3] twice, k4.

*Rows 8 and 10*: Sl 1, k3, p3, [k5, p3] twice.

*Row 9*: Sl 1, k2, [p5, k3] twice, p4.

*Rows 11–16*: Rep Rows 5–10.

*Rows 17–19*: Rep Rows 5–7.

*Row 20*: Sl 1, p3, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p3, p2tog, p2, p2tog, p4—19 heel sts rem. Place all 25 instep sts on one needle.

Shape heel—k10, fold the heel sts so that the 2 heel needles are parallel to each other and the WS of the work faces out—10 sts on one heel needle, 9 sts on other heel needle. Using an empty needle, sl the first st (center st of heel and last st worked), then use the Three Needle Bind-

off Method to BO the heel sts tog as follows: k the first st on each needle tog as if to k2tog, pass the slipped st over the dec st to BO 1 st, \*k the next st on each needle tog as if to k2tog, pass the previous st over to BO 1 st; rep from \* across all sts—1 heel st rem. Turn heel right side out.

Gussets—rejoin for working in the rnd as follows,

*Rnd 1:* With needle holding single st from heel BO and RS facing, pick up and k 15 sts along side of heel flap; with a second needle, work instep sts as [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; with a third needle, pick up and k 15 sts along other side of heel flap—56 sts total; 16 sts on first needle, 25 sts on second needle, 15 sts on third needle.

*Rnd 2:* First needle p5, k3, p8; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle k7, p5, k3.

*Rnd 3:* First needle p5, k3, p6, p2tog; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle ssk, k5, p5, k3—54 sts rem.

*Rnd 4:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k6; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p7, k3, p4.

*Rnd 5:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k4, k2tog; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p2tog, p5, k3, p4—52 sts rem.

*Rnd 6:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k5; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p6, k3, p4.

*Rnd 7:* First needle p5, k3, p4, p2tog; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle ssk, k3, p5, k3—50 sts rem.

*Rnd 8:* First needle p5, k3, p5; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle k4, p5, k3.

*Rnd 9:* First needle p5, k3, p3, p2tog; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle ssk, k2, p5, k3—48 sts rem.

*Rnd 10:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k3; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p4, k3, p4.

*Rnd 11:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k1, k2tog; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p2tog, p2, k3, p4—46 sts rem.

*Rnd 12:* First needle p1, k3, p5, k2; second needle p1, [k3, p5] 3 times; third needle p3, k3, p4.

*Rnd 13:* First needle p5, k3, p1, p2tog; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle ssk, p5, k3—44 sts rem.

*Rnd 14:* First needle p5, k3, p2; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, p1; third needle k1, p5, k3.

*Rnd 15:* First needle p5, k2, k3tog; second needle [p5, k3] 3 times, sl last st onto third needle: third needle p3tog, p4, k3—40 sts rem.

## Foot

Rearrange sts so there are 13 sts on first needle, 16 sts on second needle, and 11 sts on third needle.

*Rnds 1–3:* P1, [k3, p5] 4 times, k3, p4.

*Rnds 4–6:* [P5, k3] 5 times.

Rep *Rnds 1–6* two more times—piece measures about 3 inches (8 cm) from back of heel.

## Toe

*Rnd 1:* P1, k3, p5, k1, k2tog, p1, p2tog, p2, k3, p5, k1, k2tog, p1, p2tog, p2, k3, p4—36 sts rem.

*Rnd 2:* P1, k3, p5, k2, p4, k3, p5, k2, p4, k3, p4.

*Rnd 3:* P1, k3, p5, k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, p2, k3, p5, k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, p2, k3, p4—32 sts rem.

*Rnd 4:* P5, k3, p3, k1, p5, k3, p2, k2, p5, k3.

*Rnd 5:* P5, k1, k2tog, p1, k3tog, p5, k3, p1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, p1, p2tog, p2, k3—26 sts rem.

*Rnd 6:* P5, k2, p1, k1, p5, k3, p1, k1, p4, k3.

*Rnd 7:* P1, k1, k2tog, p2, p3tog, p1, k3, p5, p3tog, k1, p1, p2tog, p1—20 sts rem.

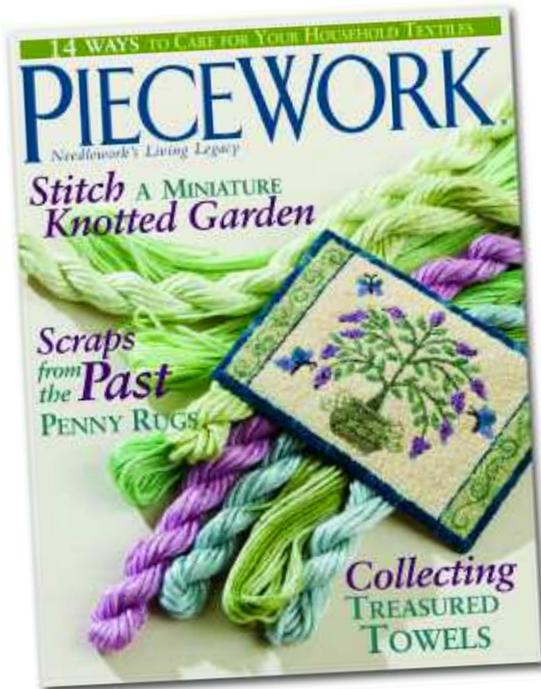
*Rnd 8:* P1, k2, p4, k3, p6, k1, p3.

*Rnd 9:* K3, ssk, k2tog, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3—16 sts rem.

Arrange sts so there are 4 sts each on the first and third needles and 8 sts on the second needle. With third needle, k4 from first needle—8 sts each on 2 needles. With right sides of work facing out, use the Three Needle Bind-off Method to BO all sts tog as for heel, with the decorative ridge of the BO on RS.

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.

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