

# More Fun Than Cables Sock Pattern (children's knee-highs)

Original by Marguerite Byrne, [stitchesofviolet.blogspot.com](http://stitchesofviolet.blogspot.com)

Modified for children's knee-high fit by Amy Hagar, [sassydoesit.com](http://sassydoesit.com)

**Size:** child, 3-4 years

**Yarn:** 100g sock/fingering weight. As shown here, Huntington (Valley Yarns), color 4150, 230 yards.

**Needles:** US 3, (3.25mm) 2-24" circulars. You can easily switch to double points.

**Gauge:** 8 stitches/inch, 10 rows/inch in stockinette stitch



**Abbreviations:**

- k = knit
- k2tog = knit two stitches together
- p = purl
- p2tog = purl two stitches together
- slip = slip purlwise unless pattern specifies knitwise
- ssk = slip knitwise twice, knit two slipped stitches together
- yo = yarn over
- cross4 instructions:

- Slip 4 knit stitches as if to purl, popping corresponding yarn overs off the needle and letting them drop. The result is 4 elongated stitches on the right hand needle.
- Grab the rightmost 2 elongated stitches with the point of the left needle and lift them over the two leftmost elongated stitches and onto the left needle.
- Slide the remaining two elongated stitches onto left needle.
- Knit the crossed elongated stitches onto the right hand needle, being careful to keep them in order.

**More Fun Than Cables Stitch (24 stitches total)**

Row 1	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1
Row 2	k2, p1, *(k,yo)*4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1
Row 3	k2, p1, cross 4, p1	k2, p1, *(k,yo)*4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1
Row 4	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, cross 4, p1	k2, p1, *(k,yo)*4, p1
Row 5	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, cross 4, p1
Row 6	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1	k2, p1, k4, p1

Read pattern directly across rows (columns are provided only for easier memorization). For \*(k,yo)\*4, repeat k,yo 4 times.

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For more details and photos of modified kids' size knee-high pattern, go to [sassydoesit.com](http://sassydoesit.com).

**Cast on 48 stitches.** Split stitches between two circular needles, 24 stitches per needle. Join, being careful not to twist stitches. The join forms beginning of a round and the left side of sock.

k2,p2 ribbing for 1 inch.

Knit More Fun Than Cables Stitch until cuff measures 11 inches (or desired length), ending after Round 1 or 4.

**Center Pattern - shift by 1 stitch**

With the heel side facing you, knit the right knit stitch onto the instep needle.  
On the left side of the heel needle, slide 1 knit stitch from the instep needle onto the heel needle.  
You now have 24 stitches on the instep needle and 24 stitches on the heel needle.

**Heel:**

Row 1: (slip 1, knit 1) 12 times. Turn.

Row 2: slip 1, purl to end of row. Turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 8 times. Then repeat row 1 one more time. (9 slip rows, about 1.5 inches)

**Turn Heel:**

(starting with 24 stitches)

Row 1: k14, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 2: slip 1, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 3: slip 1, knit to one stitch before gap, ssk to close gap, k1. Turn.

Row 4: slip 1, purl to one stitch before gap, p2tog to close gap, p1. Turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches have been worked.

14 stitches left on needle.

**Pick up Gusset Stitches:**

Pick up 13 stitches along right edge of heel.

Knit across instep using Instep Rib Pattern.

**Instep Rib Pattern:**

k1,p1,k3,p1,k1,p1,k8,p1,k1,p1,k3,p1,k1 (24 stitches)

Pick up 13 stitches along left edge of heel. Knit a round, ending at center back of heel.

**Gusset Decreases:**

For gusset decreases, round starts at center of heel needle.

Round 1: knit to last 3 stitches before instep, k2tog, k1, knit Instep Rib Pattern across instep, k, ssk, knit to center of heel needle.

Round 2: knit to instep needle, knit Instep Rib Pattern across instep, knit to center of heel needle.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 24 stitches remain on heel needle.

Then, continue knitting around, keeping the instep stitches in the Instep Rib Pattern.

**Toe Decreases:**

Start on heel needle 1 ½ inches before desired length of sock.

Round 1: (k, ssk, k to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k) twice, once on heel needle, once on instep needle.

Round 2: knit

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 16 stitches remain on instep needle and 16 stitches remain on sole needle. Then repeat round 1 until 8 stitches remain on each needle.

Kitchener toe and weave in ends.

