

# ITSY, BITSY, SPIDER SOCKS

An Annie Original Pattern



You can have a lot of fun with these socks. They are perfect for Halloween.

## **Materials:**

Knit Picks Stroll Brights fingering in Sour Apple and Black. This is the softest yet strongest sock yarn I have found. A real treat for your feet.

## **Needles:**

Double pointed needles sizes 5 (3.75) and 3 (3.25).

## **Other tools:**

One stitch holder, one stitch marker and one tapestry needle.

## **Beginning at cuff:**

With black, and #5 needles, cast on 50.

Round 1: K1, place marker, p1, \*K1, p1, repeat from \* around.

Round 2: Change to #3 needles and continue in K1, p1, ribbing for 1 ½".

Change to green and knit one round.

## **\\*/ Begin leg pattern.**

You may need to rearrange stitches on needles in order to work the spider pattern. Be careful not to hold the floats too tightly.

Round 1: K2, \*sl 5 with yarn in front, move yarn to back, k5, repeat from \* around, end sl 5, wyif, k3.

Round 2: K.

Repeat these 2 rounds 3 more times.

Change to black.

Next round: K4, \*sl next st, insert needle down around the 4 floats, bring up the needle and transfer the 4 strands to the left hand needle, sl the slipped st back onto left hand needle and knit all strands together as one, K 9, repeat from \* around end last repeat K1.

Spider body: K4, \*(K in the front, p in the back and k in the front) all in next st, turn, p3, turn, knit 3 tog, K9, repeat from \* end K4.

*Variation: You could knit the background in green and just the slipped stitches in black, or the background stitches in black and the spiders in green, in either case the spiders would show up much better.*



Close up of spider. It is a small bobble.

K 6 rounds even.

Change to green. You will be staggering the spiders by five stitches.

Next round: K7, \*sl 5 sts wyif, K5, repeat from \* end K7.

Next round: K

Repeat these 2 rounds 3 more times.

Change to black.

Next round: \*K9, sl 1, dip needle under the 4 strands and onto left hand needle, slip slipped stitch back onto left hand needle and knit together as one, k9.

Spider body: K9, k1,p1,k1 in next st, turn, p3, k 3 tog as one, repeat from \* around, end k4.

K 6 rounds even.

Now you have a decision to make. Do you want a long or short cuff? For a long cuff repeat from \\*/ one more time.

For a short cuff move directly to heel flap.



Short cuff sample.

**Heel flap:**

Change to green. K 23, k2tog, place remaining 24 sts on a stitch holder for instep. You will now be working in rows.

Row 1: (wrong side) sl 1 as to p, p across, turn.

Row 2 sl 1 as to k, \*k1, sl 1 as to p, repeat from \* across, end k1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until heel measures 3" ending on a right side row.

### **Turning heel:**

Row 1 (wrong side): P14, p2tog, p1, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked.

Row 2: (right side), sl 1 as to k, k5, ssk, k1, turn leaving rem. sts.

Repeat these 2 rows until all sts are incorporated, end with a p row.(14 sts).

### **Gusset:**

You now have another decision to make. Do you want a solid colored foot or do you want stripes?



### **For a striped foot:**

With green and right side facing, k the first 7 sts onto free needle, on original needle K 1, place marker, k remaining 6 sts, p u 13 sts along side of heel flap. On another free needle k 24 sts from holder for instep, on another free needle, p u 13 sts, k first 7 sts of heel flap onto the same needle.

You now have the left half of the heel stitches on needle one, the instep sts on needle two, the right half of the heel stitches on needle three.

You will now be working in rounds.

Round 1: On needle one, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, on needle 2, k 24 sts of instep, on needle three, k1, ssk, k rem.

Round 2: K

Repeat round 1 and 2, 7 times changing colors every 7 rounds, you should have 48 sts.

Continue to k on these 48 sts changing colors every 7 rounds one more time.

Then change colors every other round until sock is 2" shorter than desired length. Now jump down to toe shaping instructions.

### **For solid color foot:**

With Black and right side facing, k the first 7 sts onto free needle, K 1, on original needle, place marker, k remaining 6 sts, p u 13 sts along side of heel flap. On another free needle k 24 sts from holder for instep, on another free needle, p u 13 sts, k first 7 sts of heel flap onto the same needle.

You now have the left half of the heel stitches on needle one, the instep sts on needle two, the right half of the heel stitches on needle three.

You will now be working in rounds.

Round 1: On needle one, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, on needle 2, k 24 sts of instep, on needle three, k1, ssk, k rem sts.

Round 2: K

Repeat round 1 and 2, until you have 48 sts.

Continue to k on these 48 sts until sock is 2" shorter than desired length. Now proceed to toe shaping.

**Toe shaping:**

Continue with black or change to green for green toes.

Round 1: on first needle, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, on needle two, k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1, on needle three, k1, ssk, k rem sts.

Round 2: K

Rounds 3-12: repeat rounds 1 and 2. At end of round 12 (24 sts).

Rounds 13 – 14: Repeat round 1. At end of round 14 (16 sts).

Knit sts from needle one onto needle three.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail.

**Weave toe in Kitchener stitch.**

Insert tapestry needle into the first stitch on the front needle as to purl, leave stitch on the needle.

\*Insert tapestry needle into the first stitch on the back needle as to purl, slip stitch off needle.

Insert tapestry needle into the next stitch on the same needle as to knit, leave stitch on the needle.

Insert tapestry needle into the first stitch on the front needle as to knit, slip stitch off needle.

Insert tapestry needle into the next stitch on the same needle as to purl leave stitch on needle.

Repeat from \* until all stitches have been worked.

Weave in all loose ends to the inside.

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