

Blackrose Wannabe Toe-up Socks

When I first saw [Blackrose by Suzi Anvin](#), I fell in love with the design. Unfortunately I was intimidated by (and still not a big fan of) cuff-down sock knitting. After nearly one and a half years, I decided to use the pattern stitches and knit them from the toes up.

They certainly don't look exactly the same, but I like how they turned out, and I hope you will enjoy knitting these socks, too.

Note: The original pattern called for slightly thicker yarn & larger needles.

A very heartfelt thank you to the world's best knitting buddy one could ever hope for, [Regina](#), for testing the pattern out.



Sizes: Small (Medium, Large) 7.25" (8.25", 9.25") around

Needles: 2 US size 0 (2mm) circular needles (see note below) 32" or longer, or size to attain gauge

Yarn: Fingering weight yarn, approx. 350yards.

Gauge: 8 stitches and 12 rows per inch

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Abbreviations:

K	knit
K2TOG	knit 2 together
KFB	knit in the front and back
M1	make one
P	purl
P2TOG	purl 2 together
PFB	purl in the front and back
PSSO	pass slipped stitch over
SSK	Slip one stitch, and then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position (through the back loops)
W&T	Wrap and turn. Bring yarn to front of work between needles, slip next stitch to right-hand needle, bring yarn around this stitch to back of work, slip stitch back to left-hand needle, then turn your work to begin working back in the other direction.
YO	Yarn over

Notes:

- This pattern is written for using Magic Loop needles. You can easily work it on dpn's by dividing the stitches over 4 needles.
- When you work the "make 1" increases for the toe and the gusset, you can do a lifted increase, or knit in the front and back of a stitch, whichever you prefer.

Toe:

Using the Magic Loop Cast-on method, (or another toe-up cast-on method like the Figure-8 Cast-on), cast on a total of 28 (32, 36) stitches—14 (16, 18) stitches on each needle.

Knit across the stitches on each needle once.

On the next round (Round 1), increase 4 stitches as follows:

Round 1: **Needle 1** K1, m1, knit until the last stitch, m1, k1.

Needle 2 K1, m1, knit until the last stitch, m1, k1.

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 56 (64, 72) stitches—28 (32, 36) stitches on each needle.

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Start the lace pattern (see charts below)

For Left foot –

- Odd Rounds: Needle 1: Knit 11 (15, 19) then work the lace pattern over the next 17 stitches.
Needle 2: Knit all stitches.
- Even Rounds: Knit all stitches

For Right foot –

- Odd Rounds: Needle 1: Work the lace pattern of 17 stitches, then knit to the end.
Needle 2: Knit all stitches.
- Even Rounds: Knit all stitches

Continue in this manner, working as many repeats of the 8-row pattern as necessary until approximately 3" (7.5cm) shy of the total length of the foot.

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Gusset:

- **Round 1:** Work across needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2 (sole stitches): K1, m1, knit to the last stitch, m1, k1.
- **Round 2:** knit all stitches.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until you have 48 (54, 60) stitches on needle 2.

On the last round 2, **increase** 1 stitch in the center of the sole for a total of 49 (55, 61) stitches.

Work across needle 1 in the chart pattern.

Heel:

You will now work back and forth on the stitches on needle 2, and **will not** knit the stitches on needle 1 while turning the heel.

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Turn the heel as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K33 (37, 41), Kf&b, K1, W&T.

Row 2: P20 (22, 24), Pf&b, P1, W&T.

Row 3: K18 (20, 22), Kf&b, K1, W&T.

Row 4: P16 (18, 20), Pf&b, P1, W&T.

Row 5: K14 (16, 18), Kf&b, K1, W&T.

Row 6: P12 (14, 16), Pf&b, P1, W&T.

Row 7: K10 (12, 14), Kf&b, K1, W&T.

Row 8: P8 (10, 12), Pf&b, P1, W&T.

Needle 2 now holds 57 (63, 69) stitches, having just completed a wrong-side row.

On the right side, knit to the end of needle 2, knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps.

Work across the instep stitches on needle 1 in the chart pattern.

Heel Flap

Work back and forth on the heel stitches on needle 2 **ONLY**:

Row 1: (RS) K42 (47, 52) (knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps), SSK, turn.

Row 2: Sl1, P27 (31, 35), P2tog, turn.

Row 3: [Sl1, k1] 14 (16, 18) times, SSK, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until all stitches have been worked; end having worked row 2.

Turn your work and knit 1 row, decreasing 1 stitch in the center of the row.

The needle now holds 28 (32, 36) stitches.

Leg

Begin working in the round; continue the stitches on needle 1 in the chart pattern as knitted earlier.

Knit all stitches on needle 2.

When your sock leg measures 1" (2.5cm) shy of the desired length, work Ribs as follows:

Needle 1: P1, *K2, P2* (repeat * ~*) till last stitch, P1.

Needle 2: Same as Needle 1

Knitting for 1" (2.5cm). Bind off very loosely in K1, P1 rib pattern using [Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off](#) method.