



A "geisha sock" is one you can wear with thong sandals. (Or flip-flops, if you're from the midwest.)



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# Sake Socks

Socks for thongs. (Sandals, thong sandals.)

## Materials:

Crystal Palace Panda Silk - 2 skeins  
52% bamboo/43% superwash merino/5% silk  
50 g/204 yds

Size 2 (2.75 mm) 40 inch circ needles  
(or size to achieve recommend gauge)

## Gauge:

9 sts per inch over stockinette stitch

## Sizes:

S (M/L)

Small will fit women's sizes 6-7

Medium/Large will fit sizes 8-10

(The ribbing is stretchy and will fit a variety of sizes, just knit to the length of your foot.)

—			—			4
—	/		—			3
—			—			2
—	—	—	—			1
6	5	4	3	2	1	

	knit
—	purl
/	TR Twist Right

Read chart from right to left, bottom to top.

## Ribbed Baby Cable Pattern:

Round 1: \*K2, P4, repeat from \*

Round 2: \*K2, P1, K2, P1, repeat from \*

Round 3: \*K2, P1, TR, P1

Round 4: repeat Row 2

Twist Right (TR):

K2Tog but do not slip stitches from left needle;  
K 1st stitch on left needle again and slip both  
stitches from left needle

## Abbreviations used: (Explanations of each are within pattern.)

St - Stitch

K2Tog - Knit 2 together

K3Tog - Knit 3 together

SSK - slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together

SSPtbl - Slip, slip, purl together through back loops

SSSPtbl - Slip, slip, slip purl together through back loops

BYO - Backwards yarnover

## Directions:

-Leg-

CO 60(66)sts. Divide stitches evenly - 30(33) on each side of cable, join (being careful not to twist!) and work Baby Cable Pattern for 8 pattern repeats. End with Round 4 (32 rounds total).

-Heel-

*I have written out the instructions for the backwards loop short row heel used by Priscilla Gibson-Roberts. I suggest this pictorial tutorial for additional help:*

*<http://avocations.blogs.com/ShortRowHeels/index.htm>*

*\*\*I've also added a few notes at the end of the pattern that might help.*

The short row heel is worked on 30(33) sts back and forth.

Row 1 (RS): K29(32), leaving 1 st on left needle.

Row 2(WS): Turn work. Bring yarn between needles to the back of the work. Insert the right needle as if to purl. Wrap yarn around the right needle the same way you wrap when purling - you will have to bring it around the left needle to do so. Purl the stitch. (Think of it as a backwards yarnover + purl.) You will now have a stitch, a yarnover, and another stitch on the right needle. Purl as usual for **28(31)** sts (the one you just purlled counts); one st will be left on left needle.

Row 3 (RS): Turn work. Bring yarn between needles and to the front of work. You will do another backwards yarnover (BYO), this time from the knit side: insert right needle as if to knit, take yarn around left needle, then to the left (wrapping the same direction as if you were knitting.) Knit the stitch. (It might be useful to hang on to your yarnover with your right forefinger as you knit.) Knit as usual for **27(30)** sts (total - count the one you did with the BYO.)

Continue in this manner, beginning each row with a BYO and purling/knitting one fewer stitch across. (You will knit or purl all the way up to the BYO each time.) You will repeat Rows 2 & 3 9(10) times, ending on a purl row (your last purl row will be 10(11) stitches.)

You will soon see that the BYO's and knit/purl sts are paired up.

Now you will pick up the BYO's and close the gaps for the second part of the heel.

Row 1 (RS) : K10(11); the next st will be a BYO, knit it together (K2Tog) with the next st.

Row 2 (WS): Turn work and make a BYO. P11(12); the next st will be a BYO. We are going to do a SSPtbl here. Slip the BYO to right needle knitwise and then the second st to right needle knitwise. Return both sts to left needle in their new orientation and purl them through the back loop. This can be awkward, but trust the process.

Row 3 (RS): Turn work and make a BYO. K12(13); the next two sts are BYO's. These sts are backwards, so we will slip them one at a time to the right hand needle and then return them to the left needle in their new orientation. Carefully slip the back loop of each stitch onto the right needle, then return them to the left. The next step is easy - K3tog.

Row 4 (WS): Turn work and make a BYO. P13(14); the next 2 sts will be BYO's. It's time for a SSSPtbl – slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, knitwise to the right needle and then back to the left needle. Now, purl the first 3 sts on the left needle through the back loop (this is even more awkward than purling 2 through the back loop - but you can do it!)

Continue in this manner, beginning each row with a BYO and ending with K3tog or SSSPtbl, making sure the stitches are the correct orientation each time. Do not do a BYO on the last two rows. End on a purl row.

-Foot-

Turn. This is the beginning of the round. Knit all 30(33) stitches on the bottom of foot and continue pattern on instep until the foot is as long as your foot is from your heel to the bottom of your toes.

### -Right Foot Toe Caps-

Work 1 round even.

Next round: Knit 12 sts, cast on 4 sts using backwards loop method. Place next 36(39) sts on waste yarn (these stitches are being held for the other toes). Join and knit remaining 12sts. (28 sts total for big toe.)

Knit around on these 28sts until it's just a bit shorter than your big toe, then decrease as follows:

Round 1: \*K2, K2tog repeat from \* (21 ssts remain)

Round 2: \*K1, K2tog repeat from \* (14 sts remain)

Round 3: \*K2tog repeat from \* (7 sts remain)

Cut yarn and draw through last 7 sts and then weave in ends on the inside.

Join yarn at pinky toe side to the 36(39) held sts and pick up 4 sts on the cast on edge of the big toe cap.

Round 1: K1,SSK, knit to last 3 sts in round, K2tog, K1

Round 2: Knit all sts

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the cap covers your toes. Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch tail and graft remaining stitches.

### -Left Foot Toe Caps-

Work 1 round even.

Next Round: Place first 18 stitches on waste yarn. Cast on 2 sts using backwards loop method then knit 24 sts and cast on 2 more sts using backwards loop method. Place last 18 sts on waste yarn.

Knit around on these 28sts until just before the end of the toe then decrease as follows:

Round 1: \*K2, K2tog repeat from \* (21s sts remain)

Round 2: \*K1, K2tog repeat from \* (14 sts remain)

Round 3: \*K2tog repeat from \* (7sts remain)

Cut yarn and draw through last 7 sts and then weave in ends on the inside.

Join yarn at pinky toe side to the 36(39) held sts and pick up 4 sts on the cast on edge of the big toe cap.

Round 1: K1,SSK, knit to last 3 sts in round, K2tog, K1

Round 2: Knit all sts

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until the cap covers your toes. Cut yarn leaving a 12 inch tail and graft remaining stitches.

### \*\*Additional notes:

I've also seen BYO's described as "knitting with yarn in front" and "purling with yarn in back."

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