



# Bungalow 312

## Desk Drawer Socks



*I'm a fan of the vanilla sock. I've come to appreciate that having one of these on the needles at all times is essential. It's very portable and mindless, with the exception of the heel. And I'm sure it's made me a much more patient person. Stopped at a train? Knit. Waiting for food in a café? Knit. Sitting in the doctor's office? Knit. Just think... what would the world be like if all our presidents, prime ministers, dictators-for-life, and other leaders sat at the summit table, knitting a pair of vanilla socks? Much more peaceful, I'm thinking.*

*That said, I think everyone needs to have a recipe for a vanilla sock that fits their feet perfectly. After knitting a few pairs, I've come up with my recipe for Desk Drawer Socks (so called because they are great for keeping in a desk drawer at work for those times when you have to read an e-mail that really ticks you off). Please use this basic pattern to create your own perfect Desk Drawer Sock.*



## **Materials**

100 grams of fingering weight sock yarn (*shown Garnstudio DROPS Fabel—Lavender Mix*)  
32" 2.25 mm (U.S. size 1) circular needle for magic looping

## **Approximate Gauge**

8 stitches/11 = 1 inch in stockinette stitch

Gauge may vary slightly depending on yarn used, but as long as you use a fingering weight yarn, the sock should still fit.

## **Cuff**

Cast on 60 stitches using long-tail cast-on over both needles. Pull one needle out and pull stitches onto cable. Divide evenly and pull cable through in between the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> stitch. Pull stitches back onto needles and join to knit in the round, being careful to not twist the stitches. Tail marks the beginning of round, so you should not need a stitch marker.

Knit 15 rounds of K2, P2 ribbing (about 1.5 inches).

## **Leg**

Knit until leg reaches desired length. (Sock shown is 6.75 inches from cast-on to heel.)

## **Heel**

This easy short-row heel is knit back and forth over the 30 stitches on the first needle. Written directions are below, but if a photo tutorial will help, you can consult Kaity's blog at <http://kaityvr.wordpress.com/2007/05/28/the-easiest-way-to-do-a-short-row-heel>.

Row 1: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 28, leaving last stitch on left needle. Turn.

Row 2: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 27, leaving last stitch on left needle. Turn.

Row 3: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 26, leaving last two stitches on left needle. Turn.

Row 4: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 25, leaving last two stitches on left needle. Turn.

Row 5: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 24, leaving last three stitches on left needle. Turn.

Row 6: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 23, leaving last three stitches on left needle. Turn.

Continue in this manner until you have nine unknit stitches on each end and 12 stitches left in the middle. Turn work so right side is facing. Reverse short-row shaping as follows:

Row 1: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 10. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and the first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and knit these two stitches together. Turn.

Row 2: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 10. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and the first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and purl these two stitches together. Turn.

Row 3: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 11. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and knit these two stitches together. Turn.

Row 4: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 12. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and purl these two stitches together. Turn.

Row 5: Slip first stitch pwise, knit across 13. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and knit these two stitches together. Turn.

Row 6: Slip first stitch pwise, purl across 14. Slip the next stitch pwise to the right needle. With the right needle, lift the bar between the stitch you just slipped and first stitch on the left needle from back to front. Insert left needle and purl these two stitches together. Turn.

At this point, you will have seven unknit stitches on each end and sixteen in the middle. You should also see a little heel beginning to form. Continue in this manner until there are no more unknit stitches on the ends and all thirty stitches are sitting neatly on the needle. Turn work so right side is facing; sole stitches are on first needle of round, instep stitches on second needle.

### **Foot**

Knit to desired length. (Shown sock measures 7.25 inches from back of heel to toe. Toe will add about 1.5 inches in length.)

### **Toe**

This wedge toe is shaped to be rounder and less pointy than a traditional wedge toe. Each round is either a decrease round or a regular knit round. Decrease round is as follows:

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit across to last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1.

Needle 2: Repeat.

Round 1: Decrease. 28 stitches left on each needle.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: Knit.

Round 4: Decrease. 26 stitches left on each needle.

Round 5: Knit.

Round 6: Knit.

Round 7: Decrease. 24 stitches left on each needle.

Round 8: Knit.  
Round 9: Decrease. 22 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 10: Knit.  
Round 11: Decrease. 20 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 12: Knit.  
Round 13: Decrease. 18 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 14: Decrease. 16 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 15: Decrease. 14 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 16: Decrease. 12 stitches left on each needle.  
Round 17: Knit.

Graft toe using kitchener stitch. Weave in ends. Knit second sock.

