## Ivy Socks

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I now knit my socks toe-up. In the case of these socks, once the width of the sock was determined, I divided by 2 and found a pattern that would work with the resulting number of stitches. I needed a 31-st pattern and found one in Barbara G. Walker's Charted Knitted Designs (republished as A Third Treasury of Knitting Patterns). I simply worked it in the round, instead of flat.

So, pick your favorite architecture. Now, depending on the number of instep stitches you have, determine how many repeats you need.

For example, this sock has a total of 62 stitches. That gives me 31 stitches for the instep and 31 stitches for the sole. I have 4 repeats on the instep. The pattern is multiples of 7 plus 3 , which works out to 31 sts. Then I worked the sole as usual.

Once the heel is complete, I continued repeating the pattern around. Finish using your favorite cuff or a simple ribbing. In the sample, I simply bound off in pattern.


Ivy Pattern
multiples of 7 plus 3

knit on RS; purl on WS
Knit 2 together
Slip, slip, knit
yam over

Sample was knitted using the Riverbed architecture from Cat Bordhi's New Pathways for Sock Knitters: Book One. The yarn is Cascade Heritage Sock Yarn: 75\% Superwash Merino, 25\% Nylon.


