

Cat's Paw

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based on Cat's Paw in *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns* by Barbara G. Walker

Use this simple lace pattern for your next pair of sock.

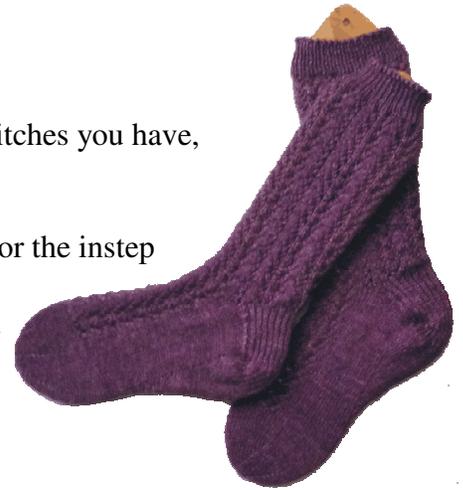
Pick your favorite architecture. Now, depending on the number of instep stitches you have, determine how many repeats you need.

For example, my sock has a total of 62 stitches. That gives me 31 stitches for the instep and 31 stitches for the sole. I will have 3 repeats on the instep. To center them, I knit 2 sts, repeat the pattern 3 times and knit 2 sts. Then I will work the sole as usual.

Once the heel is complete, I can either knit the 4 stitches (the side panels) between the pattern repeats of the back and front or use a small pattern for the side panels. Finish using your favorite cuff or a simple ribbing.

Symbols and abbreviations

- k Knit
- k2tog Knit 2 together
- ssk Slip 1 purlwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit together through back loops
- yo Yarn over
- cdd Central Double Decrease: Slip 2 sts together; knit 1, pass slipped stitches over.



Sample was knitted using the Riverbed architecture from Cat Bordhi's *New Pathways for Sock Knitters: Book One*. The yarn is Arctic's Qiviut Sock Yarn: 35% Qiviut, 40% Superwash Merino, 15% Bamboo and 10% Nylon.

Cat's Paw: Multiples of 9

- Rnd 1 and all odd rounds: K.
- Rnd 2: K2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2.
- Rnd 4: K2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1.
- Rnd 6: K2, yo, k1, cdd, k1, yo, k2.

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Panel: Multiples of 4

- Rnd 1 and all odd rounds: K.
- Rnd 2: K1, k2tog, yo, k1.
- Rnd 3: K1, yo, ssk, k1.

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