

Infant socks on 54/36:

Set up cylinder in scrap yarn starting with the first needle past the right side hash mark IN WORK. Remove the next two needles. Continue this pattern around the cylinder so you have a needle and then two blanks. Place the ribber on the machine making sure the fin is in contact with the inside lever. Adjust if necessary to line up with slots. Put a needle in the slot which is NOT in line with a slot--this will be BETWEEN the two empty slots. Continue doing this around the cylinder, thus completing in 1X1 ribbing.

1. Rib a few rounds in scrap yarn to be sure everything is set properly.
2. Attach working yarn (WY) at right hash mark; knit one round.
3. Switch ribber to OUT position; knit one round.
4. Return ribber to IN position; knit 20 rounds.
5. On front half of cylinder, remove rib needles by placing stitch onto an added cylinder needle. Thus, you will end up with 2 needles and a space across the heel portion; top of foot will remain in 1X1 ribbing with two empty slots between each cylinder needle (where the rib needle is located). Knit 5 rounds for pre-heel stopping at center front.
6. Raise rear needles; remove drive pin; attach heel tension spring.
7. Knit heel. Ignore the spaces between needles as if there was no space there. Use whichever heel you prefer ending at center front. (I use the flatbed style.)
8. Remove tension spring (optional); replace drive pin; put rear needles back into work. Knit 10 rounds stopping in center front.
9. If you aren't a whiz at the kitchener stitch, you might want to replace the rear cylinder needles the way you did those for the pre-heel which will make it easier to match one to one when closing the toe. It isn't necessary to do so if you can note the number of times you will need to double up the stitches on the non-ribbed side. If you are more comfortable knitting a toe without the ribber in place, this will be easier for you.
10. Hook tension spring if you removed it; remove drive pin; knit toe same as heel.
11. On final round to end sock, leave a long tail for sewing (about 12") and sever yarn; at right side hash mark, pull yarn down between edge of ribber and cylinder and attach scrap yarn (SY) so that it will knit on precisely the following needle.
12. Knit 5 or more rounds in SY. Remove extra needles in heel portion and return rib needles to ribber dial as was set up for first sock. Knit 3-4 more rounds in SY.
13. Attach WY at side hash mark to begin second sock. Repeat 1-11.
14. Remove from machine by knitting off in SY.
15. Close toes using kitchener stitch and doubling stitches as needed to match sides and to keep toe area snug and small. To double, with darning needle, go IN one stitch, THROUGH the next and OUT the next, thus removing two stitches at a time instead of one. Pull end snug and work in end yarn up and down a wale. Work in initial tail of WY at top edge.