

Hugs and Kisses

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Oxox cable from Barbara G. Walker's *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns*

Use this simple cable 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. Usually, that would mean that I would have 31 stitches for the instep and 31 stitches for the sole. In this case, I will designate 32 stitches for the instep and 30 for the sole. I will have 2 repeats plus two purl stitches on the instep. To center them, I knit 5 sts, repeat the pattern 2 times, purl 2 and knit 5 sts.

Once the heel is complete, I increase one stitch at the beginning and end of the heel (64 sts) and then work the leg completely in a 2 x 3 ribbing. Finish using your favorite cuff or a simple ribbing. The sample was finished by continuing the 2 x 3 ribbing.



Sample was knitted using the Riverbed architecture and reinforced heel from Cat Bordhi's *New Pathways for Sock Knitters: Book One*; and Judi Becker's Cast-on on dpns. The yarn is Classic Elite Yarn's Alpaca Sox, 60% alpaca, 20% merino wool and 20% nylon.

Symbols and abbreviations

-  k Knit
-  p Purl
-  C4B Sl 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k2, k2 from cable needle.
-  C4F Sl 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front, k2, k2 from cable needle.

Written directions for cable

- Rnd 1: P2, k8, p2.
- Rnd 2: P2, k8, p2.
- Rnd 3: Repeat rnd 2.
- Rnd 4: P2, C4B, C4F, p2.
- Rnds 5 – 7: Repeat rnd 2.
- Rnd 8: P2, C4F, C4B, p2.
- Rnds 9 – 11: Repeat rnd 2.
- Rnd 12: Repeat rnd 8
- Rnds 13 – 15: Repeat rnd 2.
- Rnd 16: Repeat rnd 4.

