Center Stage

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Sizes
8.5"

Gauge
8.5 stitches/11 rows = 1" stockinette

Materials and Notions
Fingering Weight Yarn (~332 yds)
   2 balls Patons Kroy FX
     Cascade Colors
2.5 mm Needles (DPN's or Circs)
Stitch Markers

Abbreviations
k = knit
p = purl
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
p2tog = purl 2 stitches together
ssk = slip 2 stitches as if to knit and
    knit them together
pfb = purl into the front and back of a
    stitch
m1 = make 1 stitch
s1 = slip 1
w&t = wrap and turn
sts= stitches

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Intro
With these toe-up socks, the pattern is more engaging than plain stockinette but still lets the yarn take center stage. A simple rib detail adds interest and becomes integral to both the gusset and the heel flap. So, if you have a yarn - solid, striped, or multi - that wants to be the center of attention, this is the pattern for it.

Toe and Foot
Using Judy's Magic Cast-On or your preferred provisional cast-on, cast 16 stitches onto each needle.

Round 1: Knit all.
Round 2: *k1, m1, knit to last stitch, m1, k1* twice
Round 3: Knit all.

Repeat rounds 2-3 until there are 52 stitches on the needles.

Round 4: k1, m1, p, k22, p, m1, k2, m1, k24, m1, k1 (56 sts)
Round 5: k2, p1, k22, p1, k2, knit remaining
Round 6: k1, m1p, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, m1p, k2, m1, k26, m1, k1 (60)
Round 7: k1, p1, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p1, k1, knit remaining
Round 8: k1, m1p, p1, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p1, m1p, k2, m1, k28, m1, k1 (64)
Round 9: k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, knit remaining
Round 10: m1p, k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, m1p, k1, m1, k30, m1, k1 (68)
Round 11: p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k22, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, knit remaining

Repeat Row 11 until the total length measures is 5.75" less than foot length.

Gusset
Row 12: Work the first 2 sts, pfb, work to the last 4 sts, pfb, work remaining
    stitches
Row 13-14: Work all sts in pattern.

Continue in this pattern, 1 increase row followed by 2 plain rows, until the total

stitch count is 102. On the last plain row, place a marker after the first and before the last 19 stitches of the instep. Do not knit across the sole since this is the beginning of the heel turn.

Note: In order to preserve the color sequence, knit across the instep and stop before the gusset stitches. Leaving the gusset stitches for later, begin knitting the heel turn with the other end of the yarn. Continue using this end until the heel flap is completed and then switch back to the previous end.

Heel
Before beginning the heel turn, slip the first and last 2 stitches from the instep onto the sole needle. (38 stitches)

Row 1: k1, p1, k1, m1, k1, then *s1, k1* until the last 2 stitches, w&t
Row 2: purl to the last 2 heel stitches, w&t (1 st wrapped)
Row 3: *k1, s1* until the last 3 stitches, w&t
Row 4: purl to last 3 heel stitches, w&t (2 sts wrapped)
Row 5: *s1, k1* until the last 4 stitches, w&t
Row 6: purl to the last 4 stiches, w&t (3 sts wrapped)

Continue in this pattern, working 1 less stitch every 2 rows, until 10 stitches have been wrapped on each side of the heel. For the final 2 rows of the heel:

On RS: Continue working in pattern, knit to the last stitch, picking up wraps if you feel like it, ssk the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch from the gusset.
On WS: s1, k1, purl to last 2 stitches (picking up wraps if you want), k1, p2tog the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch of the gusset.

For the heel flap, repeat the following two rows until all gusset stitches have been worked.

Row 1: s1, p1, *k1, s1* until the last 2 stitches, p1, ssk
Row 2: s1, k1, purl to last 2 stitches, k1, p2tog

Cuff
Once all gusset stitches have been knit, slip the 2 edge stitches on both sides of the heel flap back to the instep needles.

Resume knitting the cuff and k2tog on the back of the next round to return the sock to 68 sts.

Continue for 4" or 1" short of the desired length. Repeat the following round for 1" and then bind off using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Cast-Off or your preferred method.

R1: p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, *k2, p2* 5 times, k2, p1,k1, p2, k1, p1, *k2, p2* to end of round