

“Just Right Socks”

These socks are a 6x2 ribbed pattern and always seem to turn out just right!

Yarn: 350 to 400 yards fingering weight sock yarn.

Needles: Size 2.5 mm or 2.25 mm Double Point

Instructions

Cast on 64 sts. - arrange on needles:

16 - 32- 16

Leg

Rounds 1 – 8:

N1: K2, P2

N2: Same

N3: Same

Rounds 9 - 48 (or desired length):

N1: K6,P2

N2: Same

N3: Same

Round 49 - 56:

N1: Knit

N2: K6,P2

N3: Knit



Note:

If you want you can carry the ribbing pattern throughout rows 49 to 56 and then carry the ribbing pattern down through the whole length of the heel flap once the stitches have been rearranged on the needles.

Rearrange Stitches

With Needle 3, knit 3 stitches from Needle 1 – this is now the new center back of the sock.

Slip the first 3 stitches of Needle 2 onto Needle 1. Slip the first 3 stitches of Needle 3 onto Needle 2. Stitches are now arranged 16 -32 -16, the same as before but the center back of the sock has been moved over 3 stitches to make the ribbing pattern centered.

Get Ready For Heel

Split sts on N2 onto 2 needles (using the free needle) - this will make the heel easier to work on.

Heel Flap

Row 1: K across sts on N1 with N3

Row 2: Slip 1 Purl wise, P across

Row 3: Slip 1 Purl Wise, K across

Row 4: Slip 1 Purl Wise, P across

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 34 rows have been completed. In the standard way of knitting socks, 32 rows would make the heel flap. I think socks fit better if the heel flap is a bit longer.

Turn Heel

Row 1: Slip 1 pw, K 17 sts, SSK, K1, Turn

Row 2: Slip 1 pw, P 5 sts, P2 tog, P1, turn

Row 3: Slip 1 pw, K6 sts, SSK, K1, turn

Row 4: Slip 1 pw, P7 sts, P2 tog, P1, turn

Row 5: Slip 1 pw, K8 sts, SSK, K1, turn

Continue on in this manner until all heel flap sts have been used.

At the end of heel turning: Slip 1 st. pw, K8 - you are now in the center of the bottom of the heel which will be the beginning of the round after gusset stitches have been picked up.

Prepare for Gusset

- Slip the instep stitches that were split onto 2 needles back onto 1 needle again.

Pick Up Gusset Stitches

- With free needle, K across 9 sts on N1. Now, pick up 18 sts along side of heel flap - 17 in the slipped sts along the edges and the 18th st. in the "corner" of the flap to prevent a hole.

- Work the instep sts keeping them in the established pattern.

- With the free needle, pick up 18 sts along the other side of the heel flap - the 1st st in the “corner” to prevent a hole and 17 sts in the slip stitch loops up the side. K across the 9 sts on N3 with the same needle.

- You are now at the beginning of the round. Stitches are arranged: 27 - 32 – 27

Gusset Decreases

Round 1:

N1: K to last 3 sts, K2 tog K1

N2: Work in established pattern

N3: K1, SSK, K to end

Round 2:

N1: Knit

N2: Work in established pattern

N3: Knit

Repeat these two rounds until 16 sts remain on Needles 1 and 3. End with Round 1.

Foot

Round 1:

N1: Knit

N2: Work in established pattern

N3: Knit

Work round 1 for 38 rows (or desired length)- working the toe will add about 1 ½ inches to the finished length so make the foot 1 ½ inches shorter than the desired length.

Toe

Round 1:

N1: K to last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

N2: K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

N3: K1, K2tog, K to end

Round 2:

N1: Knit

N2: Knit

N3: Knit

- Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until 32 sts remain (16 rounds) sts will be arranged: 8 - 16 - 8
- Repeat Round 1 only (decrease round) until 16 sts remain, sts will be arranged: 4 - 8 - 4
- Use Needle 3 to K across sts on Needle 1 - stitches are now on two needles.
- Break yarn and weave the remaining sts using Kitchener Stitch.

Alternate Toe

- Do two even or plain rounds between the first 2 decrease rounds - this will increase the length of the foot by two rows.