

Comfort Socks

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My favorite sock pattern, when I want a comforting knit and a classic pair of socks.



Size: Women's medium

Yarn: Approx. 450 yards of fingering weight sock yarn

Gauge: 28 sts = 4" on US 2 needles

Materials: Four US 2 double pointed needles, stitch markers, stitch holder. (Note: this pattern can be easily adapted to 2 circular needles, or one long circular).

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

sl = slip stitch to opposite needle without knitting

ptog = purl 2 stitches together

Pattern:

Cast on for leg 60 sts on one needle. Arrange the stitches evenly on three needles. Place marker at the start of round.

Row 1: *K4, P2, repeat from *

Work in K4, P2 pattern until length reaches 6 inches or desired length.

Heel:

Knit across 15 stitches. Turn work and purl 30 stitches. Place the remaining 30 stitches on the stitch holder. These stitches will become the instep.

Row 1: sl as if to purl, *k1, sl 1 as if to purl, repeat from * end k1.

Row 2: sl 1 as if to purl, p28, k1.

Row 3: repeat rows 1 and 2 (14) more times.

You will have worked a total of 30 heel rows. End with a complete purl row.

Turning the heel:

Row 1: k17sts, k2tog, k1, turn
Row 2: sl 1, p5, ptog, p1, turn
Row 3: sl 1, k6, k2tog, k1, turn
Row 4: sl 1, p7, ptog, p1, turn
Row 5: sl 1, k8, k2tog, k1, turn
Row 6: sl 1 p9, ptog, p1, turn
Row 7: sl 1, k10, k2tog, k1, turn
Row 8: sl 1, p11, ptog, p1, turn
Row 9: sl 1, k12, k2tog, k 1, turn
Row 10: sl 1, p13, ptog, p1, turn
Row 11: sl 1, k14, k2tog, k1, turn
Row 12: sl, p15, ptog, p1, turn
Row 13: k18

Picking up gusset stitches:

Using the needle working the heel (needle 1), pick up and knit 15 stitches along the selvedge loops. At the intersection of the heel flap and instep, pick up an extra stitch. Place a marker.

With the next needle (needle 2), knit across (or, if you prefer to maintain the pattern, in k4, p2 rib pattern) the 30 instep stitches held on the stitch holder.

With needle 3, place a marker, pick up and knit an extra stitch, and 15 stitches along the selvedge loops. (80 stitches total)

Knit 9 heel stitches from needle 1 onto needle 3. Rounds now begin at the center of the heel.

Gusset set up row:

k9, k14, k2tog, (marker is here), k30 instep stitches in rib pattern, (marker is here), ssk, k14, k9. (78 stitches)

Gusset:

Row 1: k21, k2tog, k1, (marker), knit across 30 instep sts maintaining the rib pattern if you desire, marker, k1, ssk, k21

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: k20, k2tog, k1, marker, continue with instep, k1, ssk, k20, marker

All odd rows – keep decreasing 2 stitches as noted each row until 60 stitches remain.

Foot:

Knit in pattern until you are two inches from the end of the desired foot length.

Toe:

Row 1: k12, k2tog, k2, ssk, k24, k2tog, k2, ssk, k12

Row 2: (and all even rows) k all stitches

Row 3: k11, k2tog, k2, ssk, k22, k2tog, k2, ssk, k11

Each odd row: Continue decreasing, knitting one fewer stitch before and after each decrease until 16 stitches remain. Using the kitchener stitch, graft the toe.

Weave in loose ends and enjoy!!

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