

Materials:

Size 4 needles

Size 6 needles

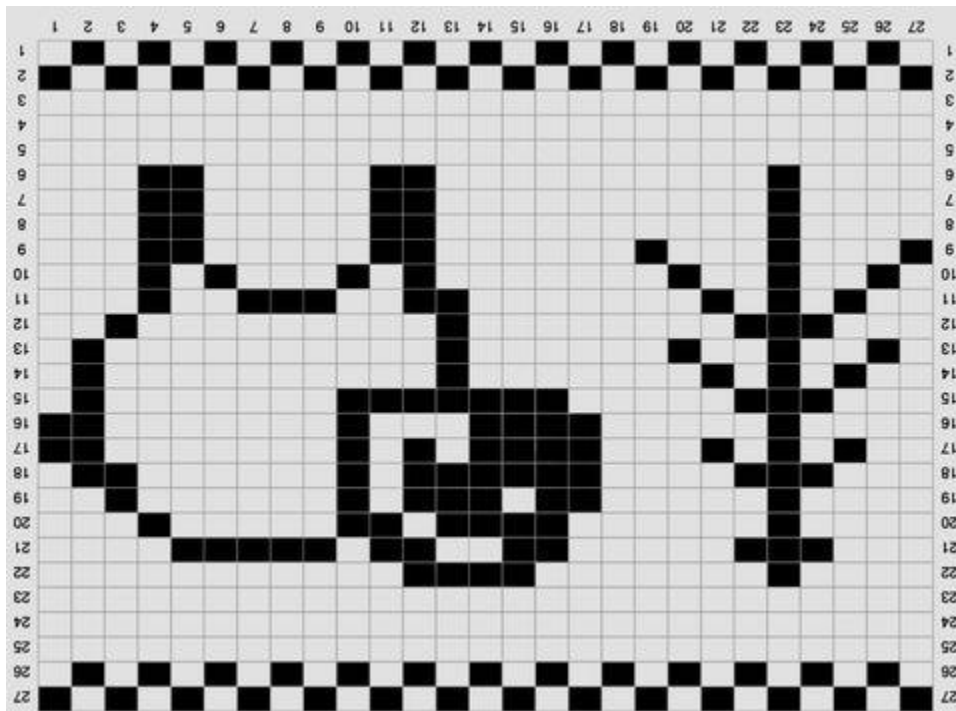
Briggs and Little Tuffy - 2 contrast colors and 1-2 skeins of main color. Available in the US at www.maritimefamilyfiber.com

Sizes: women's small (women's medium) (men's average) (men's large) The cuff is the same size for all sizes. If you need it larger or smaller, I recommend going up or down a needles size.

With Main color and smaller (US 4) needle, cast on 51 stitches. Work in knit 2, purl 1 rib for 16 rows.

Switch to size 6 needles. Knit one round in Main color, adding 3 stitches evenly (54 stitches).

Work chart.



Switch back to Main Color, and decrease 6 (5)(4)(4) stitches evenly. Knit for approximately 1 inch, or desired length

Begin Heel:

Starting at the beginning of the round (or however you want the sheep pattern to fall on the leg). Attach and begin working in contrast color (if using a contrast).

Row 1: *Knit 1, Slip 1* repeat between ** 8(9)(9)(10) times, knit 1. 19(21)(21)(23) heel flap stitches. TURN your work, these 19(21)(21)(23) stitches will be worked flat as your heel flap.

Row 2: Purl on the wrong side.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 9 (10)(10)(11) times, ending with a wrong side row.

Dutch Heel Turn:

Row 1: Knit 12 (13)(13)(14) Slip 1, Knit 1, pass slipped stitch over. TURN work

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise, purl 6, purl 2 together, TURN work*

Row 3: Slip 1 knitwise, knit 6, slip1, knit1, pass slipped stitch over, TURN work.

Continue in this manner until only the center stitches remain, ending with a right side row.

If using contrast color, switch to main color now.



Dutch Heel

Instep:

Pick up 9(10)(10)(12) stitches along the side of the heel flap. Knit the stitches across the top of the foot.

Pick up 9(10)(10)(12) more stitches up the other side of the heel flap. Knit a few stitches from the first needle to make it more comfortable for knitting, as pictured.

Instep Decrease Row 1: Beginning on needle one (the right 'arm' of the triangle in the picture below), knit to the last three stitches on the needle, knit two together, knit 1. Knit the stitches across the top of the foot. Beginning on the third needle, knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to end.

Row 2: Knit

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 42(45)(48)(52) stitches total. Work the foot even for 7(8)(9)(12, or more for larger feet) inches, measuring from the back of the heel when the sock is laid flat.



Instep

Toe:

Arrange stitches so that you have 21(23)(24)(26) across the top of the foot, and 10 and 11(11 and 12)(12)(13) on each side.

Row 1: Beginning with the first needle, knit to the last 3 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1. On needle 2, knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to last three stitches on needle 2, knit 2 together, knit 1. On needle three, knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to end.

Row 2: Knit

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 12 stitches left. Thread yarn through the remaining stitches. Repeat for a second sock. Weave in ends, if desired block socks on sock blockers (say that three times fast), and be warm.