# Sensible Socks

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A sock should make sense: a toe, a heel, and a leg. It can't be that hard, right? That was exactly my thought when making these cozy toe warmers. This pattern is written for adventurous crocheters ready to start working on more involved design elements such as shaping, using increases, and meeting gauge. These socks will breeze off your hook I'm no time and keep your feet nice and toasty in the cold months to come!

Hooks: US 7 (4.5 mm)

**Yarn:** Audine Wools Alpaca Sock

60% Superwash Merino, 20% Alpaca, 20% Nylon

400 yards (365 m) / 100g

238 (312, 397, 491, 570) yds / 218 (285, 363, 449, 521) m used / 1

(1, 1, 1.25, 1.5) skeins needed

Colorway: Milano

**Notions:** Locking stitch markers

(2 unique markers)

Skill Level: Beginner

Gauge: 24 sts × 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet,

unblocked

**Sizes:** A (B, C, D, E)

Sample Size: Sample size is crocheted in the size 8"/20 cm foot

**To fit foot circumference:** 7 (8, 9, 10, 11)" / 18 (20, 23, 25, 28) cm

Finished Size: *Circumference*: 6 (7, 8, 9, 10)" / 15 (18, 20, 23, 25)

circumference and a length to fit a woman's size US 8.5 foot (approximately 9"/23 cm)

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ch: chain sc: single crochet sl st: slip stitch rep: repeat

rnd: round

#### **Notes**

Please note that the measurement for the foot is based on the circumference of the foot. You can get this number by using a tape measure and measuring around the width of your foot at the widest part. Normally this measurement is the same as the measurement at the ankle, if it is easier for you to measure that part instead.

This pattern uses an afterthought heel which consists of crocheting the foot from the toe up, chaining additional stitches to continue on with the leg, and then going back to the hole that becomes the heel before closing the seam.

The Toe is worked in joined rounds while the Foot, Leg and Afterthought Heel are worked in continuous rounds. See notes in each section for further instruction.

# INSTRUCTIONS

#### Toe

The Toe is worked in joined rounds. The ch 1 at the beginning of a round does not count as a stitch throughout the pattern. Join rounds in the first stitch with a slip stitch unless otherwise noted.

Ch 9

Rnd 1: Sc in second ch from hook, sc 6, 2 sc in the last ch. Turn piece to work into the bottom part of the chain, sc 7, 2 sts into the last st. Join rnd with a sl st into the first st. (18 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 6, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 6, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join round with a sl st. (22 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 8, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 8, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (26 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1. 2 sc in first st. sc 10. 2 sc in next st. sc 1. 2 sc in

next st, sc 10, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (30 sts)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 12, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 12, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (34 sts)

Stop increases here for Size A and continue to Foot.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 14, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 14, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (38 sts)

Rnd 7: Ch 1, 2 sc in the first st, sc 16, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 16, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (42 sts)

Stop increases here for Size B and continue to Foot.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 18, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 18, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (46 sts) Stop increases here for Size C and continue to Foot.

**Rnd 9:** Rnd 7: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 20, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 20, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (50 sts)

Stop increases here for Size D and continue to Foot.

**Rnd 10:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc 22, 2 sc in next st, sc 1, 2 sc in next st, sc 22, 2 sc in next st, sc 1. Join rnd with a sl st. (54 sts)

#### **Foot**

**Note:** The Foot is worked in continuous rounds. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch and move up with each round.

**Rnd 1:** Sc around placing 1 sc in each st. (34 (42, 46, 50, 54) sts)

Repeat Rnd 1 until desired foot length is reached. This number should be your foot length, minus 1.5–2" (4–5 cm) to fit the heel. (For example, if my foot is 9" (23 cm), I would stop when this part reaches a total of 7" (18 cm) from the toe.)

# **Afterthought Heel Setup**

When you have reached the desired length for your foot, join your last round with a sl st into the next st. Ch 17 (21, 23, 25, 27), skip 17 (21, 23, 25, 27) sts, join to the next st with a sl st and place a marker. This stitch is the new beginning of round.

### Leg

Like the Foot, the Leg is worked in continuous rounds. Move up your stitch marker with each round unless otherwise noted.

Rnd 1: Sc in the same st as join and in each st around to the ch sts. Sc in each ch.

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around.

Rep Rnd 2 until leg has reached a height of 5" (13 cm). To make a longer leg, continue to repeat this round until sock reaches desired height. Fasten off.

# **Afterthought Heel**

The Afterthought Heel is worked in continuous rounds. Place a unique stitch marker in the first stitch to indicate the beginning of the round (use a different unique stitch marker for the second marker in this section).

Rnd 1: Join yarn at one corner of the heel (on the side) to work along skipped foot sts, ch 1, sc in same st, pm. 1 sc in each st of the first half of the heel sts, sc in the corner of the heel before ch, pm. 1 sc in the back ridge of each ch on the opposite side of the heel. (36 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts)

Rnd 2: \*1 sc in marked st, sc2tog, sc in each st until 2 sts before the marked st, sc2tog, rep from \* once more. (32 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts)

Repeat Rnd 2 until there are just 20 sts left, 10 on each side of the heel. Seam closed, fasten off, and weave in the end. Block if desired.

