

Snowballing Socks

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The most vibrantly colored hand-dyed yarns find a home in these simply lovely socks.

YARN & NEEDLES

US 1 (2.25 mm) 32" circular needle for knitting
2 at a time in the magic loop method.

1.5 yards of a smooth waste yarn in a contrasting color.

Asylum Fibers Golden Rule
75% Superwash Merino Wool, 20% Nylon, 5%
Gold Toned Stellina
438 yards (401 m) / 100 g
1 skein used for this project.
Colorway shown is Spirited.

FINISHED SIZES

Women's Size M

GAUGE

36 sts and 48 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

TECHNIQUES

2 AT A TIME MAGIC LOOP

For two at a time magic loop socks, you'll want to cast on half of sock 1, all of sock 2, pull your cable through the midway point of sock 2 for magic loop, and then cast on the remaining half of sock 1. For great step-by-step instructions on the two at a time magic loop cast on, refer to: <https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2017/08/two-at-a-time-magic-loop/>

PREPPING THE YARN

Note: I suggest dividing your yarn into 2 balls or cakes and keeping them side by side in a project bag or ziplock bag. I find it's easiest to manage the yarn this way since you'll have one ball going for each sock simultaneously.

INSTRUCTIONS

CUFF

Using the long-tail method, CO 64 sts for each sock. Join for knitting in the round. Place a locking stitch marker on the first stitch to designate beginning of round on the first sock.

Work 2 inches of twisted ribbing: k1tbl, p1.

LEG

Note: all slipped stitches are to be slipped purl-wise, with the yarn in back

Round 1: k3, p26, k3, k32

Round 2: p1, sl1, p1, k26, p1, sl1, p1, k32

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 6 inches from the cast on edge, ending with Round 2.

HEEL PLACEMENT

k32, then with your waste yarn, k32. Slip those stitches back to the left needle, and knit them again using your sock yarn.

FOOT

Round 1 and every other odd numbered foot row: p1, sl1, p1, k26, p1, sl1, p1, k32

Round 2, 6, 12, 18, 26: k3, p26, k3, k32

Round 4, 8, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 28: knit

Round 29: p1, sl1, p1, k26, p1, sl1, p1, k32

Round 30: knit

Repeat rounds 29 and 30 until the foot measures 4 inches less than your desired length, ending with Round 30. (the heel and toe will account for the rest of the foot length)

TOE

Round 1: (k1,ssk, k26, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 2 and every other even round: knit

Round 3: (k1,ssk, k24, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 5: (k1,ssk, k22, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 7: (k1,ssk, k20, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 9: (k1,ssk, k18, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 11: (k1,ssk, k16, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 13: (k1,ssk, k14, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 15: (k1,ssk, k12, k2tog, k1) twice

Round 17: (k1,ssk, k10, k2tog, k1) twice

FINISHING TOE

Cut yarn leaving a 10 inch tail and weave through remaining sts using the Kitchener technique.

AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

(Using Magic Loop Method): Begin to unravel the waste yarn, which will reveal a live stitch above and below each waste yarn stitch. Use one end of your circular needle to pick up the 32 stitches above, and the other to pick up the 32 stitches below as you unravel your waste yarn, one stitch at a time. After completing one sock, you can repeat the process with your other sock, thereby putting the two socks back on your needle for the magic loop method.

It really doesn't matter which direction your sock is facing when you do this, but do both socks the same way. Continue to use 2 separate balls or ends of the yarn as you did for the rest of the sock. Attach heel yarn and begin knitting the same pattern as you did for the Toe to make the heel.

Weave in your ends with a tapestry needle and block.



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