



Dreadlock Socks

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I was inspired to create these socks by my favourite knitters, Kathryn Alexander and Lucy Neatby: they are geniuses.

You will need

Sock wool

1 set 2.50mm double-pointed needles

Here's how

Cuff:

Cast on 64 stitches. Divide stitches on 4 double pointed needles (16 on each). Join in the round without twisting. Work in garter stitch optic (1 round purl, one round knit) and begin with a purl round (work a total of 19 rounds).

Leg:

Knit to desired length.

Heel Flap:

Put the stitches from needle 1 and needle 4 together on one needle. With rs facing, work back and forth as follows:

Row 1: *sl 1 pwise with yarn over, k1*. Repeat from * to end

Row 2: purl

Row 3: *k1, sl 1 pwise with yarn over*. Repeat from * to end

Row 4: purl

Repeat these 4 rows 8 times

Heel:

Mark the middle of the heel flap.

Row 1: rs, knit to the middle, knit 2, turn

Row 2: ws, sl 1 pwise with yarn over, purl 2, p2tog, turn

Row 3: sl 1 pwise with yarn over, knit to the stitch with yarn over and knit this stitch with the next stitch together, k1, turn



Row 4: sl 1 pwise with yarn over, purl to the last stitch with yarn over and p2tog, purl 1, turn

Repeat until all stitches from each side are knitted

Gussets:

Knit across the heel stitches. Do not turn. Using the same needle (n1), pick up 1 st in each edge stitch along the side of the heel flap (the right side should be facing you) for a total of 16 stitches + 1 between the border to the next stitches from needle 2. Knit needle 2 and 3. Using another (empty) needle, pick up 16 + 1 stitch along the flap.

Next row knit to the last two stitches from needle 1 and k2tog. Knit needle 2 and 3. The first two stitches from needle 4 ssk.

Round 2: Knit without decreasing

Round 3: Knit with decreasing (needle 1 and 4)

Repeat the decreasing rounds until you have 16 stitches on each needle

Foot:

Knit until the desired length

Toe:

Round 1:

Needle 1: Work to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2

Needle 2: k2, ssk, knit to the end



Needle 3: work to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2
Needle 4: k2, ssk, knit to the end

Round 2: knit only

Round 3: knit in the same way as round 1

Round 4: knit only

Repeat these 4 rounds until there are 5 stitches on each needle.

Cut yarn and turn the sock inside out, now work the 3 needle, bind off.

Dreadlocks:

Pick up 4 loops from round 17 and 8 loops from round 19.

Triangle:

R 1: knit 2, turn

R 2: knit 2, turn

R 3: knit 3, turn

R 4: knit 3, turn

Repeat until all 12 stitches are knitted.

Bind off last row until there are 3 st left on needle.

Knit 10 rows I-cord and bind off.

Next triangle:

Overlapping the last triangle by 4 stitches and 8 loops beside the last triangle. Work in the same way as triangle 1.

I-Cord on the top of the cuff:

Cast on 3 stitches and pick up one stitch from the cuff.

Start on the beginning from the “cuff-cast-on-yarn”

(between needle 1 and 4). Work around the whole cuff

I-cord and knit 20 extra I-cord rounds for the loop.

