

HOT BRICKS



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The socks were knit top down with one skein of Riverside Studio Supersock (404 per 115 gm/440 yds per 4 oz.) This pattern is written for two circulars or magic loop but you can also divide the stitches over dpns.

Needles: 2.5 mm (1.5 US)

Gauge over 4" (10cm): 32 stitches by 42 rows

Abbreviations: sl1: slip 1 stitch purlwise wyib: with yarn in back ssk: slip, slip knit k2tog: knit 2 stitches together pwise: purlwise



Cuff: Loosely cast on 60 (64, 68, 72) stitches (I used a loose long tail cast on). Divide the stitches between the two circulars, join to work in the round.

Ribbing: Follow chart A (working it twice) for your size (between Red lines: 60 stitches, Blue: 64, Green: 68, entire chart: 72) for 12 rounds. (The ribbing will not be 2x2 in some parts of the sock for some of the sizes).

Now begin Row 1 of Chart B (working chart twice) and work the chart until sock leg measures about 6 inches (16 cm) or desired length, do not end on row 7, where the cable occurs, if you plan on wearing your socks with shoes.

Heel: You will work the stitches back and forth on Needle 1 only (30, 32, 34, 36 stitches).

Row 1: sl1 pwise wyib, k1, *sl1, k1*, repeat ** to end. Turn. Row 2: sl1 pwise wyif, purl to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until heel flap measures 2¼ to 2½ inches (5.5 to 6.5 cm). (I worked these 2 rows 16 times - 32 rows total). End with Row 2.

Turn heel:

Row 1: Sl1 pwise wyib, k 16 (17, 18, 19), ssk, k1 turn. Row 2: Sl1 pwise wyif, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. Row 3: Sl1 pwise wyib, k to 1 st before gap, ssk (closing gap), k1, turn. Row 4: Sl1 pwise wyif, p to 1 st before gap, p2tog (closing gap), p1, turn. Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches have been worked, omitting k1 and p1 at end of last 2 rows if necessary.

When I pick up the stitches to start working on the gusset, I cram all the stitches to be picked up along with the heel stitches onto one needle. It is a bit tight for a few rounds but is quickly more manageable as you begin the decreases.



Pick up and knit 16 to 18 stitches through the larger slipped stitches along the edge. I use the left needle to lift the slipped stitch and then knit it through the back to twist it to avoid gaping holes along the edge. Make 1 stitch between heel flap and top of foot, twisting like other gusset stitches to avoid gaps. Knit in pattern according to where you are on the chart across top of foot. Make 1 stitch between top of foot and heel flap. Continue picking up and knitting the slipped stitches. Do not worry about the exact number of stitches picked up, you just don't want to leave any gaping holes. Knit to the end of Needle 1.

Gusset: Work the gusset decreases as follows:

Round 1: Knit across Needle 2 (top of foot) in pattern, Needle 1 (sole) - ssk knit to last 2 stitches k2tog. Round 2: Knit across Needle 2 in pattern, knit across Needle 1.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you are back to original number of stitches on Needle 1. Number of stitches on Needle 1 should be the same as on Needle 2.

Continue in pattern until the foot measures 2" (5 cm) less than the desired length.

Toe:

Round 1: On both needles - K1, ssk knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. Round 2: On both needles - knit. Repeat rows 1 and 2 until 16 stitches remain, 8 per needle.

Finish:

Cut yarn, leaving about 12" (30cm) tail. Thread a tapestry needle and graft stitches using the Kitchener stitch. Weave in ends.



