

Basic Socks for John

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Materials:

2 skeins of fingering weight sock yarn

2.5 mm double pointed needles or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 8 sts/in.

Using double pointed needles, cast on 72 sts. Join and work in a round. Work K1, P1 ribbing for 2 inches. Work stockinette stitch for 6 inches.

Heel Flap:

Rearrange the stitches on the needles so that the first needle (Needle A) has 36 sts. Divide the remaining sts on the other two needles (Needles B & C) so that they have 18 sts each.

Over the next 36 sts on Needle A:

Row 1: *Sl 1, K 1* repeat between **s, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, P across.

Work these 2 rows until you count 18 slip sts on each side. (36 Rows Total),

Turn Heel:

Mark center of heel flap.

Row 1: Sl 1, K 3 sts past the center, SSK, K 1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, P to 3 sts past the center, P 2tog, P 1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K to 1 st before the "gap", SSK, K1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P to 1 sts before the "gap", P2tog, P 1, turn.

Continue in this manner until 18 sts remain. Knit across the 22 sts on Needle A.

Gusset:

Pick up 19 sts along side of heel flap (Needle A)

Knit instep sts and combine on one needle (Needle B)

Pick up 19 sts along side of heel flap and knit 9 sts from Needle A (Needle C)

Needle A & C should have 30 sts; Needle B should have 36 sts (96 sts total)

Decreasing:

Round 1: Knit to last 3 sts on Needle A - K2tog, K1. Knit across Needle B. At beginning of Needle C - K1, SSK, knit remaining sts.

Round 2: Knit

Continue alternating above rows until 16 sts remain on Needle A & C (72 total sts)

Work in stockinette stitch until sock measures 1 1/2" less that desired length.

Shape Toe:

Round 1:

Needle A - K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K 1

Needle B - K 1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K 1

Needle C - K 1, SSK, knit remaining sts.

Round 2: Knit

Work Rnds 1 & 2 until 36 sts remain.

Work Rnd 1 until 20 sts remain. Knit across Needle A.

Kitchener Stitch the 10 sts of the instep to the 10 sts of the back together.