

Pattern for Basic Sock

1. Cast on 60 stitches with 2.5 mm needles (I use 5 bamboo needles.) Join the round.

2. Knit 24 rows k1,p1

3. Switch to stockinette (all knit) for desired length. The yarn has enough yardage to make a 6-7 inch cuff. Mine are a bit shorter as that's how I like'em.

4. Turn heel: put half of the stitches on hold on two of the needles. Put rest of stitches on one needle. Knit back and forth in heel stitch:

slip1, knit 1, purl row back. Or alternate slipped and knitted on every knit row to make "partridge eye" variation. Normally the slip stitch and knit stitch should fall under each other to make a slipped ridge pattern that wears very well.

5. Half Hankerchief Heel:

When heel flap is long enough (and that is usually when it forms a square piece as wide as it is long) then turn the heel as follows:

5.1 Work to center of heel stitches (in this case, work 15 stitches.)

5.2 Now, knit two stitches together (k2tog or ssk) , knit 1 stitch more (k1) then turn. (start of partial or short rows)

5.3 Slip 1 stitch (sl 1) work to one stitch before the gap that formed from that first short row, purl 1 (p1) purl 2 together (p2tog) , p1, TURN.

5.4 Continue these short rows until all stitches have been worked and end on the wrong (purl) side.

6. Pick up instep: Knit second half of heel stitches, then pick up instep along heel flap (doesn't matter how many but remember how many you took.) Knit next needle across top of sock. Take new needle, pick up same number of instep stitches, knit next half of heel. Instep created.

7. Knit around instep: every other row: three stitches before end of needle and before middle top of sock needle, knit 2 tog, k1. Knit across top of sock needle, k1, ssk on next instep needle, knit to end. Repeat until you have 15 stitches on each instep needle, 30 of course remain on top of sock needle.

8. Knit to 2.5 inches or 7 cm before desired foot length. Do toe:

9. Knit first instep needle to three st. before end: k2tog, k1, then middle (top of sock needle) k1 ssk, knit to three before end of needle, k2tog, k1, next instep needle, k1, ssk, knit to end. Do every other row until 5 st on each instep needle and 10 on top of sock needle.

10. Graft the 10 stitches on instep (put both on one needle) and top of sock needle: break about a foot of yarn, put on a yarn needle. Using yarn on yarn needle Hold front and back needles together. Slip first front stitch as to knit, slip off, slip next front stitch as to purl, leave on knitting needle. Slip back stitch as to purl, slip off, slip next back stitch as to knit, leave on. Repeat (you start this from the right side of course) until all stitches are grafted. Thread in loose ends, Trim. Block. Done.