

Wool-Ease Basic Socks

YARN: 2 balls of Wool-Ease 4-ply Knitting Worsted Weight (80% acrylic, 20% wool)

NEEDLES: 4 double pointed needles, size 3 (or size to obtain gauge)

GAUGE: 1 sts to 1" in stockinette

SIZE: women's (men's)

Leg

Cast on 40 (48) sts. Divide over three needles.

Work all rounds in K2, P2 ribbing for $1\frac{1}{2}$ (2) inches.

Change to stockinette stitch or switch to desired pattern stitch and continue until leg is 7 (8) inches from beginning.

Heel Flap

Place 20 (24) stitches onto one needle and divide the rest of the stitches (your instep stitches) onto two needles. If you wish to continue your chosen pattern down the top of the sock, center it onto the divided stitches now.

Working only on the 20 (24) stitches that are on one needle:

Row 1: *S1, K1 repeat from * to end of row, TURN

Row 2: S1, purl to end, TURN

Repeat these two rows until heel flap is 2 ($2\frac{1}{2}$) inches long. This is about 18 rows for the women's sock and 26 for the men's. End with Row 2, the purl row.

Turning Heel

Women's	Men's
Row 1: S1, K10, SSK, K1, TURN	Row 1: S1, K12, SSK, K1, TURN
Row 2: S1, P3, P2tog, P1, TURN (6 stitches left on ndl)	Row 2: S1, P4, P2tog, P1, TURN (8 stitches left on ndl)
Row 3: S1, K4, SSK, K1, TURN	Row 3: S1, K5, K2tog, K1, TURN
Continue working heel in this manner until all of the heel flap stitches are incorporated. 12 stitches remain.	Continue working heel in this manner until all of the heel flap stitches are incorporated. 14 stitches remain.

Picking Up Gusset Stitches

Place all instep stitches onto one needle (needle #2). Divide the heel stitches evenly onto two needles (needles #1 and #3). Your round now begins and ends in the middle of the heel. Beginning with #1, pick up and knit 12 (17) stitches along the edge of the heel flap.

Work evenly across #2 (continuing your pattern if you choose to do so).

Pick up and knit the same number of stitches along the other side of the heel and then knit across #3.

Gusset

ROUND 1

#1: Knit until there are three stitches left on the needle, K2tog, K1

#2: Knit or pattern across

#3: K1, SSK, knit across the rest of the needle

ROUND 2

Knit all stitches or knit on needles #1 and #3 and pattern across needle #2.

Repeat these two rounds until you are back to the number of stitches you cast on, 40 (48)

Foot

Measuring from the back of the heel (along the bottom of the sock), knit or pattern all rounds evenly until foot is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches short of desired length.

Toe

ROUND 1

#1: Knit until three stitches remain, K2tog, K1

#2: K1, SSK, knit until three stitches remain, K2tog, K1

#3: K1, SSK, knit until end of needle

ROUND 2

Knit all stitches

Repeat these two rounds 3 (4) times. Then repeat round one 2 (3) more times. You should have a total of 20 stitches.

Finishing

Graft the toe.

Weave in all loose threads.

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