

Basic Socks - Designed by Judy Sumner

Approximately 2 - 50 gm. balls of fingering (**sport wt.**, *worsted yarn*)

Size 1-2, (**3-4**, 4-5) needles. I highly recommend sets of five needles as you then have two needles with the top or instep of the foot and two needles holding the stitches for the bottom of the sock.

Directions: Cast on 60, (**48**, 40)sts . Join being careful not to twist.

Work 1-1/2 to 2" of k1, p1 ribbing.

Change to stockinette st (knit around) and work until sock top is 6" or desired length. Work to end of first needle and turn work to begin heel flap.

Heel Flap: Sl 1, then purl remaining sts across needles 1 and 4. Place all stitches on one needle for heel flap.

Row 2: (Sl 1, K1) across needle

Repeat the last two rows, completing 25, (**23**, 21) rows, ending with a purl row and right side facing you.

Turn Heel:

Row 1: Sl 1, K16, (**K13, K11**) SKP (Slip, knit and pass slip stitch over), K 1, Turn work.

Row 2: Sl 1, P 5, P 2 tog, P 1, Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K 6, SKP, K 1, Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P 7, P 2 tog, P 1, turn

Continue in this manner, working one more stitch before decrease on each row until all stitches are worked. 16, (**14**, 12sts) remain.

Knit across and begin gussets.

Gussets:

Pick up 13, (**12**, 11)sts along the side of the heel flap, M 1 in loop between heel flap and instep needle, work pattern across two instep needles, M 1 in loop between instep needle and heel flap, pick up 13, (**12**, 11)sts. along other side of heel flap. Divide heel sts between needles 1 and 4. Work 1 row around, knitting M 1 st with the last st. on first side of the gusset and second st. of second side of the gusset and knitting sts. on instep needles.

Decrease Round: Knit to 3 sts from end of first needle, SKP, K1. Work pattern on instep sts.

K1, K2 tog, knit remaining sts. on fourth needle.

Work one round with no decrease.

Repeat these two rounds until heel needles (1 & 4) have 15, (**12**, 10) sts. on each needle.

Foot: Work around as established until foot length is 1-1/2" less than desired length from back of heel.

Toe:

Decrease Round: Work until 3 sts remain on first needle, SKP, K1.

K1, K2tog, K remaining sts on needle two.

Knit sts on needle 3 until 3 sts. remain, SKP, K1.

K1, K2 tog, K remaining sts on needle 4.

Knit one round.

For fingering – Work a decrease round and then two knit rounds three times. Then work a knit round and a decrease round until 8 sts. remain on each needle and then work decrease round only until 5 sts. remain on each needle. Combine sts from needles 1 and 4 on one needle and sts. from needles 2 and 3 on one needle.

For **sport** and *worsted* wt – Repeat knit and decrease rounds until (**5**, 4) sts remain on each needle

Work across first needle and then graft toe.

Grafting toes is pretty easy once you get the hang of it. First, remember each stitch must be gone through twice so you start by going through the front st. as if to purl and the first st. on the back needle as if to knit. Now you start the rhythmic part. You go through the first st on the front needle as if to knit, drop the stitch off and as if to purl on the second st. Then you do as if to purl on the first st of the back needle, drop off the st and as if to knit on the second st. Repeat this across until you have only one st left on each needle. Go through the front needle as if to knit and the back needle as if to purl. Each time you drop a st., tighten up your yarn a bit. You should end up with a totally smooth toe.