

DIRECTIONS FOR KNITTING SOCKS.

Materials: 1 hank gray, khaki, or tan knitting yarn; 4 steel needles No. 11.

Cast on loosely; knit loosely.

Cast on 60 stitches, 20 stitches on each of three needles.

Work in rib of knit 9 and purl 3, for 32 rounds.

Work 9 inches in plain knitting with no shaping.

For the heel put 30 stitches on the first needle, then equally divide the remaining stitches (required for the instep) on the second and third needles—both of which should be left until the heel is finished.

On the 30 stitches knit, alternately row plain and row purl, for 30 rows, always slipping the first stitch. To turn the heel, knit 18, slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted, turn, purl 8, purl 2 together, turn, knit 9, slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch. Continue working in this manner until all the stitches are worked in leaving the 9 stitches on the needle under the heel; knit the 2 center stitches together.

For the instep follow on with the first needle, and knit ~~to~~ up 15 stitches on the side of the heel; knit on to the second needle the 30 stitches which were left for the instep when commencing the heel; then with the third needle knit up 15 stitches on the other side of the heel while adding 4 from the first needle. Knit 2 rounds plain, then begin the decreases, knit the third and fourth stitches together from the end of the first needle, and, on the third needle, knit 2, slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch. Do this in every third round until there are 15 stitches on each of the first and third needles. Knit without shaping until the work measures from 7 to 8 inches from the front of the heel.

For the toe(*) knit to the last three stitches on the first needle, knit 2 together, knit 1; on the instep needle knit 1, slip 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch; knit to the last three stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1; on the third needle knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one, knit to the end of the needle. Knit one round plain.

Repeat from (*) until the toe is reduced to 20 stitches.

Divide the instep and foot stitches equally on to 2 needles.

Break off wool about half a yard and thread it through wool needles or fine bodkin. Begin on front needle, put wool needle in as if to knit, pull wool through and take off stitch. Put needle in next stitch as if to purl, pull wool through but leave stitch on. Go to back needle, put needle in first stitch as if to purl, pull wool through and take stith off; put needle in next stitch as if to knit, pull wool through but leave stitch on. Now come to front needle and repeat, being careful always to keep yarn under needles.

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DON'T FOR THE KNITTERS OF SOCKS.

DON'T cast on tightly. An otherwise well knitted sock may become useless by this tight cord at the top.

DON'T knot your wool. Join it by splicing the ends.

DON'T use needles too fine for the wool. The knitting should be elastic.

DON'T make a foot less than 10½ inches long.