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Ribbed Socks for Bigger Feet

An original pattern for Spud & Chloë by, Susan B. Anderson

Size: Made to fit an average woman's foot. The length can be varied to fit any size.

Yarn: Spud & Chloë Fine (80% superwash wool, 20% silk, 65 grams/248 yards);

Solid socks: 2 skeins of the selected color (sample made in Sassafras #7808)

Striped cuff socks: 2 skeins of the main color, 1 skein of the stripe color (sample made in Calypso #7806 and Cricket #7804)

Needles: US size 2, set of 4 double-pointed needles OR size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 7 sts per inch in stockinette stitch

Materials:

Yarn needle
Stitch marker
Scissors
Ruler

Abbreviations:

N1, N2, N3 needles 1, 2 and 3
k knit
p purl
s1 slip one stitch as if to purl
k2tog knit two stitches together
p2tog purl two stitches together
ssk slip two stitches separately as if to knit, knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loop
st(s) stitches
dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)



Cuff:

With the selected main color, cast on 64 stitches placing the stitches as follows, N1: 20 sts, N2: 20 sts, N3: 24 sts, on each of three double pointed needles. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: (k3, p1) repeat to the end of the round.

Solid socks:

Repeat round 1 until the cuff measures 6-inches (like in the sample) or for the desired length.

Striped cuff socks:

Repeat round 1 until the cuff measures 6-inches (like in the sample) or for the desired length. At the same time, complete the stripe pattern as follows:

Rnds 1-4: main color

Rnds 5-8: stripe color

Repeat rounds 1-8 five times or to the desired number of stripes (the sample has 5 stripes of a contrasting stripe color).

After you complete the desired number of stripes on the cuff continue on only in the main color. After the stripes are completed you can make the cuff any desired length.

Heel Flap:

Divide the stitches as follows:

Needle 1: 32 sts

Needles 2 and 3: 16 sts each

Work back and forth only on needle 1 for the heel flap as follows:

Row 1: (s1, k1) repeat to the end of row.

Row 2: s1, p to the end of the row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 twelve (sixteen) times. Repeat row 1 one more time. You will have columns of 16 slipped stitches on the heel flap.

Turn the Heel:

Continue working on needle 1 only as follows:

Row 1: s1, p17, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: s1, k5, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 3: s1, p to 1 st before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: s1, k to 1 st before the gap, k2tog, k1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all of the stitches have been worked. On the last 2 rows of the repeat, you will end with a p2tog and a k2tog. End with a row 4. (18 sts remain)

Gusset:

Step 1: Continuing on with the working yarn and with the free dpn, pick up 16 stitches (one stitch in each slipped stitch) down the side of the heel flap.

Step 2: Place the stitches from needle 3 onto needle 2 (32 sts are on needle 2). This is the top of the foot now. Work across needle 2 AND continue in the (k3, p1) rib pattern as set for the top of the foot on needle 2.

Step 3: Continuing on with the working yarn and with the free dpn, pick up 16 stitches up the other side of the heel flap (one stitch in each slipped stitch).

Step 4: Knit across 9 stitches from the heel turn. Place the remaining 9 stitches on the next dpn, which is needle 1. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch of needle 1 if desired.

New stitch arrangement as follows:

N1: 25 stitches

N2: 32 stitches

N3: 25 stitches

Continue working on the gusset as follows:

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2:

N1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

N2: (k3, p1) repeat to the end of N2

N3: k1, ssk, k to the end of the needle

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there are 16 stitches remaining on needles 1 and 3. Needle 2 will still have 32 stitches.

Foot:

Continue to work even in the rib pattern on N2 and knit all of the stitches on N1 and N3 until the **foot measures 2-inches shorter than the desired finished length of the sock**. Measure from the back of the heel up to the stitches on the needles.

Note: "Work even" means to work straight without any increases or decreases.

Here are some *approximate* foot measurements in inches from the back of the heel to the longest toe and shoe size measurements. Remember to stop 2-inches shorter than the desired length of the foot before starting the toe:

US size 6 – 9 inches

US shoe size 7 – 9 ¼-inches

US shoe size 8 – 9-inches

US shoe size 9 – 10-inches

US shoe size 10 - 10 ¼-inches

US shoe size 11 – 10 ¾-inches

US shoe size 12 – 11-inches

Note: I wear a US shoe size 7.5 so I always knit to 7 ½ inches for the foot length before starting the toe. The samples are knit to fit a 7.5 US shoe size. Also, to get the perfect fit it is always best to measure the intended foot for the sock!

Toe (worked in stockinette stitch or knit every round)

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2:

N1: k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

N2: k1, ssk, k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

N3: k1, ssk, k to the end of the needle

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until there the following stitches remain:

Needles 1 and 2: 6 sts

Needle 3: 12 sts

Closing the Toe:

Knit the stitches from needle 3 onto needle 1. (12 sts on each of 2 dpns)

Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Place the end on a yarn needle. Graft the toe closed using the kitchener stitch. Weave the end in on the inside of the sock and trim.

Note: I have an instructional video on closing the toe of a sock if you are interested.

Here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYEaM6g4NBc>

Finish weaving in any remaining ends to the inside of the sock and trim.

Block as desired.

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