

Farrow Rib Socks



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A straight-forward cuff-down sock worked on four 2.25 mm (US 1) double-pointed needles with two balls of Elann “Sock It To Me” 4 ply superwash yarn (210 m/227 yds to 50 gm). Gauge over stockinette stitch is 9.5 sts and 13 rows /1” (2.5 cm).

Instructions

Cast on 72 stitches, dividing them into 18 stitches on needle 1, 36 stitches on needle 2, and 18 stitches on needle 3. (I cast on one extra stitch on needle 3 and knit it together with the first stitch on needle 1 to make a smoother join).

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Work K2,P1 ribbing in the round for 2" (5 cm).

Work 4.5" (11 cm) of pattern as follows, ending with round 2:

Round 1: K2, P1 to end of round

Round 2: P1, K2 to end of round

Make heel flap: working only on needles 1 and 3, work 29 rows stockinette (knit every odd-numbered row, purl every even-numbered row).

Shape heel: purl 23 sts, purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Knit 12, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn. Purl to one stitch before the gap (you'll see it), purl 2 together, purl 1, turn. Knit to one stitch before the gap, knit 2 together, knit 1, turn. Continue in this manner until all stitches are used up (ending on a knit row).

Pick up 16 stitches from the side of the heel flap, placing them on needle 1.

Work stitches across needle 2 in established pattern (starting with row 1).

Pick up 16 stitches from the side of the heel flap on needle 3, and knit to end of needle.

For the rest of the foot until you start the toe, work needle 2 in established rib pattern. Knit on needles 1 and 3.

Decrease instep:

Round 1: Needle 1: knit to last three stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1. Needle 2: work in rib pattern. Needle 3: knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to end of needle.

Round 2: Needle 1: knit. Needle 2: work in rib pattern. Needle 3: knit.

Work these two rounds until 18 stitches remain on needles 1 and 3.

Foot: continue working rib pattern on needle 2 and knit on needles 1 and 3 without further decreases until foot measures 2" (5 cm) less than desired length of foot.

Toe shaping:

Round 1: Needle 1: knit to last 3 stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1. Needle 2: knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to last three stitches, knit 2 together, knit 1. Needle 3: knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over, knit to end.

Rounds 2 to 4: Knit without decreasing.

Round 5: Repeat round 1.

Rounds 6 and 7: Knit without decreasing.

Round 8: Repeat round 1.

Rounds 9 and 10: Knit without decreasing.

Round 11: Repeat round 1.

Round 12: Knit without decreasing.

Repeat rounds 11 and 12 a total of three times.

Round 17 to end: Repeat round 1 until a total of 16 stitches remains.

Bind off toe as you prefer; I turn the sock inside out and work a three-needle bind-off. Sew in any yarn ends.

Repeat for the second sock.