

# Holes in my Socks!



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Just to show that holes in socks aren't always a bad thing....

You'll need about 440 yards (400 meters) of sock weight yarn (my socks have a 10"/25 cm long foot and the leg measures 10"/25 cm from the top of the cuff to the bottom of the heel; my yarn is Jojoland Melody Superwash Fingering in color MS12). Gauge over stockinette stitch is 11 sts and 14 rows /1" (2.5 cm) using 2mm (US 0) double-pointed needles. The hole pattern is worked in multiples of 8

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stitches (if you're confident about the heel math, you can alter the number of repeats in a round to make a narrower or wider sock).

## 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).

## Leg

Work K1, P1 ribbing in the round for 2" (5 cm).

Knit 3 rounds plain.

Work about 5" (13 cm) of pattern as follows, ending with round 3:

Round 1 – K2tog, YO twice, Sl 1, K1, PSSO, K4. Repeat around.

Round 2 – K2, P1, K5. Repeat around. (You are knitting in the first loop of the double YO and purling in the second.)

Round 3 & 4 – K around

Round 5 – K4, K2tog, YO twice, Sl 1, K1, PSSO. Repeat around.

Round 6 – K6, P1, K1. Repeat around.

Round 7 & 8 – K around

Repeat these 8 rounds for the hole pattern.

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□ = Knit  
 - = Purl  
 / = K2tog  
 0 = Yarn over  
 \ = Sl 1, K1, PSSO

### Make heel flap:

Working only on needles 1 and 3, work the next 34 rows as follows, ending with row 1:

Row 1: Slip 1 stitch, K to end of row

Row 2: \*Slip 1, P to end of row

### Shape heel:

Slip 1, P22, P2 together, P1, turn.

Slip 1, K11, K2 together, K1, turn.

Slip 1, P12, P2 together, P1, turn.

Slip 1, K13, K 2 together, K1, turn.

Slip 1, P14, P2 together, P1, turn.

Continue in this manner until all heel stitches have been worked (24 stitches remain).

**Work in the round again:**

Pick up 18 stitches from the side of the heel flap, placing them on needle 1.

Work stitches across needle 2 in established pattern (starting with row 4).

Pick up 18 stitches from the side of the heel flap on needle 3, and knit 12 stitches from needle 1 onto needle 3. Both needles 1 and 3 should now have 30 stitches.

For the rest of the foot (until you reach the toe), work needle 2 in 8-round pattern stitch. 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 established 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 pattern. Needle 3: knit.

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

**Foot:**

Continue working without further decreases until foot measures about 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.

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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. Knit 4 stitches on needle 1 onto needle 3 if you are going to Kitchener graft or three-needle bind-off the toe closed. You will have 8 stitches on each of two needles.

Close the 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.

