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Spinderella's Calf Hugger Socks



I came up with this idea when my daughter wanted a pair of knee socks. I was too lazy to increase and decrease for shaping. These socks stay up better than any of the socks she has- even commercial ones.

5 ounces sport weight or DK or sport weight yarn (16 wpi)
 optional is small amount of contrasting color for heel and toe
 Size # 1 double point needles
 Darning needle for grafting toe.
Gauge: approximately 18 stitches and 32 ½ rows = 4" x 4"

Instructions:

Cast on 57 stitches on one needle.
 Transfer 14 stitches on needles #1 and 4,
 The rest of the stitches will be the instep needles #2 and #3.
 Move the last stitch from the end to the 1st needle. (15 sts on that needle)
 Knit the 1st 2 sts. together with the cast on tail. The last one cast on with the 1st one cast on. This makes a nice join in the round.
 K1, P1 or K2, P2 ribbing around for 1 - 2 "
 Knit all around in stockinette st. for 2" - 2 ½" or until desired length to the top of the calf.

Starting on needle 4 and continuing thru to needle #1 :
 K 4,then(*P1, K2*) 6 times across,then P1, K5
 (this should bring you to the end of needle #1)

Knit across #2 and #3 the instep needles
Repeat for 3" or desired calf length.

Knit evenly for 1 1/2" then begin a decrease 8 stitches evenly
around-
Knit 5, k2tog. 8 times (48 sts)

Knit evenly 1 1/2"
Decrease once more- 8 stitches
Knit 4, k2tog. 8 times. (40 sts)

Knit evenly for 1".

Heel-

Divide stitches in 1/2 and put the instep stitches on holding
needles while you work the heel stitches. I prefer to take 1/2 of
the stitches from the middle of the original cast on stitch,
allowing this to be the "seam" of the sock- if there are any
design changes, they are in the back of the sock.

Row #1 - *Knit 1, slip1* , repeat across

Row #2 - slip 1st stitch, purl across

Repeat these 2 rows 2 3/4" - 3 "
or until your heel is deep enough for you.
End with a right side row.

Turn Heel:

Knit 11 stitches , slip 1, k1, PSSO, K1

Turn

Slip 1, K1, PSSO, K1,

Turn *Slip 1, Knit up to the 1st st. from the gap,

S11, K1, PSSO, K1,

Turn Slip 1, purl to 1st st. from gap.

P2tog, P1,

Turn *

Repeat from the *..*'s until all the stitches are used up.

End right side facing.

Knit across.

Gusset

Pick up 10 stitches along the side of the heel in the chain stitches- then make one in between the instep and heel flap.

Knit across instep stitches.

Make one in between the instep and heel flap. Pick up 10 stitches along the side of the heel in the chain stitches.

Needle #1 has one side of heel stitches plus one.

Needle #2 has instep stitches. (20)

Needle #3 - has picked up heel stitches plus one.

Now follow the decreases as follows:

Needle #1 - knit up to the last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1

Needle #2 - Knit across (20)

Needle #3 - K1, Slip 1, K1, Pass slipped stitch over knit stitch, knit to end.

Knit one round.

Repeat these 2 rows until all the picked up stitches are used up and you are back to 40 stitches.

Knit even until foot measures to middle of little toe, and begin toe decreases. This is a slanted toe- so you have a right and left sock. You repeat these directions only using needles #2 and #3 for the decreases for the other sock.

Toe Decreases-

*Needle #1 - knit up to the last 3 stitches, K2tog, K1

Needle #2 - K1, Slip 1, K1, Pass slipped stitch over knit stitch, knit to last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1.

Needle #3 - K1, Slip 1, K1, Pass slipped stitch over the knitted stitch, knit to the end.

Knit one round *

Repeat these 2 rows until 8 (or 10) stitches remain.

Graft the toe-

Grafting: (Kitchner Stitch)

1. Bring yarn needle thru front st as to purl, leaving st on front needle.
2. Bring yarn needle through back st as if to knit, leaving st on the needle
3. Bring yarn needle through same front stitch as to knit, then slip this stitch off needle. Go thru next st on front needle as to purl, leave st on needle
4. Bring needle though back st as to purl, slip that st off needle and go through next stitch on same needle as to knit, leave st on needle.

Repeat steps number 3 and 4 until all stitches are used up.
Weave in all ends!

If you want, reinforce the heel and the toe with yarn in a weaving pattern inside the areas or the areas that get the most wear.

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