

Nickel Socks
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Yarn: Sock weight

Needle: Size 1 or size for gauge

Gauge: 8 sts per inch, 56 sts, finished size circumference 7 inches.

8 sts per inch, 64 sts, finished size circumference 8 inches.

9 sts per inch, 72 sts, finished size circumference 8 inches.

8 sts per inch, 72 sts, finished size circumference 9 inches.

Size: Women's small, (medium, large)

Cast-on 56, (64, 72) sts. Join in the round with the right side of your cast-on facing in, being careful not to twist your cast-on sts.

Lace Pattern: Round 1: K2, P2

Round 2: K2 tog, YO, P2

Round 3: K2, P2

Round 4: YO, sl 1, K1, pss0, P2

Repeat around cuff for 2 3/8 inches, ending with Round 1.

Purl around 4 times.

Picot: YO, P2 tog around cuff.

P 1, K 1 rib for 1 inch.

Knit rounds (stockinette stitch) for 2 inches.

Work heel flap on 28, (32, 36) sts (instep sts are resting).

Row 1: sl 1, K 1; repeat across, turn sock.

Row 2: sl 1, Purl across, turn sock.

Row 3: sl 1, 1 Knit across, turn sock.

Row 4: sl 1, Purl across, turn sock.

Repeat heel flap rows 1-4 for 2 1/4 inches or desired heel flap length.

Turn Heel: K 17, (19, 21), ssk, K 1, turn sock.

Sl 1, P 7, P2 tog, P1, turn sock.

Heel turn continued: Knit row: sl 1, knit, stopping one stitch before the gap, ssk, K 1. Turn sock.

Purl row: sl 1, Purl, stopping one stitch before the gap, P 2 tog, P 1.

Repeat these two rows until all the sts have been used in turning the heel, completing the turn with a purl row.

Knit across.

Picking Up Gusset Sts:

Pick up and knit 13 (16 (19) sts. Join the instep sts back in the round, knitting across the instep. Pick up and knit 13, (16, 19) sts on second side of the gusset. Knit heel sts.

Next round: Gusset sts: Kbl, then knit instep sts. Gusset sts: Kbl, knit heel sts.

Next round: Knit.

Decreasing Gusset Sts:

Knit to the last 3 gusset sts: K 2 tog, K 1. Knit across the instep. Gusset sts: K 1, ssk. Knit to the heel sts. Knit across heel sts.

Knit one round without decreases.

Continue these 2 rounds reducing the gusset sts back to the original number of sts: 56, (64, 72).

Foot Length:

Knit around until 2 inches less than desired foot length.

Toe Shaping:

Knit to the last 3 sts on the bottom of the foot, K 2 tog, K1.

First 3 sts of instep K 1, ssk. Knit to the last 3 sts, K 2 tog, K1. Turn sock.

First 3 sts of the heel, K 1, ssk.

Knit one round without decreases.

Repeat these 2 rounds until the foot length is reached, ending with a plain round.

Kitchener stitch the toe sts and cast on your second sock.

To block the picot, pin to Styrofoam ball for shaping.