

## Ram Wools Basic Socks

**Materials:** 100g of 3 or 4 ply sock yarn

**Needles** 1 set of 2.75mm (US 2) double point needles

**Tension** 34 sts=4 inches on 2.75mm (US 2) needles in stocking stitch

**Circumference** 8"

### Abbreviations:

K2tog=Knit two stitches together

P2tog=Purl two stitches together

pss0=pass slipped stitch over

sl l =slip one stitch from left needle to right needle, knitwise, without working

### 1. Plain Socks

With 2.75mm (US 2) double pointed needles, cast on 72 sts divide sts onto three needles as follows:

Half the total number of sts on the first needle, and one quarter the total number of sts on each of the second and third needles. (1st needle, 36 sts, 2nd and 3rd needle, 18 sts)

Join into round and work 20 rounds of K2 P2 rib. Change to st st and work until piece measures 8 inches from cast on edge.

**2. Fancy Ribbed Socks** Cast on and work in K2 P2 rib as given for Plain Socks. Work the leg in Fancy Rib Stitch as follows:

Round : K1 \*P2, K2\* repeat between \*s to last 3 sts of round, P2, K1.

Round 2: \*K2, P2\* repeat between \*s to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 1 -2 for Pattern.

Work until piece measures 8 inches from cast on edge.

Turn heel: (If you are using reinforcing thread, work together with the sock yarn for the heel.)

Working back and forth with two needles on the 36 sts of first needle only, repeat the following two rows 18 times.

Row 1: \*sl 1, K1 \* repeat between \*s to end. (Note: if you are using reinforcing thread with the sock yarn, only slip the first stitch, knit to end

Row 2: sl 1, \*P to the end of the row.

Continuing on the same sts, shape the heel as follows.

**Important note:** Short rows are worked without reaching the last st at the end of the needle. The instructions will require you to turn your knitting and begin a new row before all the sts have been worked. This is done to give the heel its characteristic shape.

Row 1: K20, K2tog, Turn.

Continue as follows:

Row 2: sl 1, P4, P2tog, Turn.

Row 3: sl 1, K5, K2tog, Turn.

Continue to work one st more on each row, then work 2 together and turn until all sts on needle have been worked and there are no more sts that can be worked 2 together at the end of the row. (20 sts)

Break reinforcing thread, if any is being used..

Redistribute the stitches for the foot: Slip the sts on the second and third needles onto one needle for the instep (36 sts). Slip half the heel sts onto a free needle (10 sts). The needle with the remaining half of heel sts will become the first needle for all following rounds.

With the first needle, beginning at the point of the last heel st worked, pick up and K18 sts along the left side of heel (1 st for every slipped st along the edge). Work across instep sts (second needle). With the free needle, pick up and K 18 sts along the right side of heel and K the remaining heel sts of the 3rd needle. (1st needle = 28 sts, 2nd needle = 36 sts, 3rd needle = 28 sts). Work decrease rounds as follows:

Rnd 1: K to the last 3 sts of the first needle, K2tog, K1. K all sts of the second needle or work in Fancy Rib, keeping pattern correct. On the third needle, K1, sl 1, pssso, K to end.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat these two rounds until there are the same number of sts remaining as were originally cast on (1st needle = 18, 2nd needle = 36, 3rd needle = 18)

Work in stocking stitch on all needles for Plain Socks and in stocking stitch on first and third needles and Fancy Rib on second needle for ribbed socks.

When sock foot is 1 inch shorter than the desired length, shape the two as follows:

Rnd 1: K to last 3 sts of the first needle, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1. On the second needle, K1, K2tog, K to the last 3 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1. On the third needle, K1, K2tog, K to end.

Rnd 2: Knit on all three needles.

Repeat these two rounds until half the sts remain (1st needle = 9, 2nd needle = 18, 3rd needle = 9). Then, repeat only Rnd 1 until 20 sts remain in total, K to the end of the first needle and break yarn.

Slip the sts of the first and third needle onto one needle so there are 10 sts on two needles. Graft these 20 sts together as follows:

Thread the yarn end onto a darning needle. \*\*\*With the sts of the instep facing towards you, enter the 1st st on the front needle with the tip of the darning needle as if to knit and draw yarn through. Slip this st from the needle. Enter the next st on the front needle as if to purl and draw the yarn through. Leave this st on the needle. Take yarn under the front needle and enter the 1st st on the back needle as if to purl and draw the yarn through. Slip this st from the needle. Enter the next st on the back needle as if to knit and draw the yarn through. Leave this st on the needle.\*\*\* Repeat from \*\*\* to \*\*\* until all sts have been slipped off the needle.