

Vanilla Shorty - Magic Loop



This pattern is to accompany the video tutorial series for knitting a pair of socks using the magic loop method.

YARN

One skein of a fingering weight yarn, approximately 400 metres (436 yards).

The sample is knitted using a skein of Malabrigo Ultimate Sock in shade 398 'Rosalinda'. This yarn is 385 m (420 yds) to 100 g.



NOTIONS

2.25 mm (US size 1) 32 inch (80 cm) circular knitting needle for knitting the magic loop method. Adjust your needle size to obtain gauge if necessary.

Tapestry needle and 2 stitch markers.

GAUGE

36 stitches and 48 rows to 4 inches (10 cm).
Washed and blocked measurement, in stocking stitch.

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

Small - 8 inch (20 cm) foot circumference.

Medium - 9 inch (23 cm) foot circumference.

Large - 10/11 inch (25/27 cm) foot circumference.

ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit.

p - purl.

s - slip (purl-wise with yarn in back).

ssk - slip a stitch knit-wise and then slip a second stitch knit-wise. Now insert the tip of the left-hand needle into the fronts of both slipped stitches, and knit them together from this position, through their back loops.

p2tog - purl 2 stitches together.

k2tog - knit 2 stitches together.

sts - stitches.



CUFF

Cast on 56 (64,72) stitches and join for knitting in the round, splitting your stitches evenly between your two needles. I cast on using the long-tail method. The front needle as you look at your work will be needle 1, and the back needle will be needle 2.

Round 1 - (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the round.

Repeat this round a total of 12 times.

LEG

Round 1 - knit all stitches.

Repeat this round for a total of 20 rounds.

HEEL FLAP

The heel flap is worked back and forth over half of your total stitches, and is knit on needle 2 (this is the back of your work as you look at it).

Row 1 - s1, purl to the end of the row. Turn your work.

Row 2 - (s1, k1) repeat to the end of the row. Turn your work.

Repeat the above 2 rows for a total of 14 (16, 18) repeats. You will have completed 28 (32, 36) rows.

FRENCH HEEL TURN

Row 1 - s1, p16 (18, 20), p2tog, p1, turn your work.

Row 2 - s1, k7, ssk, k1, turn your work.

Row 3 - s1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn your work.

Row 4 - s1, k9, ssk, k1, turn your work.

Row 5 - s1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn your work.

Row 6 - s1, k11, ssk, k1, turn your work.

Continue in this manner, until you have used up all your stitches that are on either side of the centre heel stitches. You will be left with 18 (20, 22) stitches on your needle.



GUSSET PICK UP

Using the same needle that is now holding your heel stitches, pick up and knit 14 (16, 18) stitches along the side of the heel flap. You will be picking up in each of the slipped stitches along the edge. Pick up 2 extra stitches in the gap to avoid any holes. (You can just pick up 1 extra stitch if you prefer but I find by picking up 2 stitches, you get a much neater finish.) **Place a stitch marker at this point.**

You will now knit across needle 1. When you reach the halfway point of this needle you need to push those stitches onto needle 2. You now have just 14 (16, 18) stitches on needle 1, which should be knitted.

Place a second stitch marker before picking up 2 stitches to close the gap as previously, and then pick up 14 (16, 18) stitches along the other side of the heel flap. Now using the same needle, knit 9 (10, 11) stitches from the heel turn.

The start of your round is now at the centre of the heel.

GUSSET DECREASE SET UP ROUND

When working this first round, knit the picked up gusset stitches through the back loop. Knit the 4 extra gap closing stitches in the usual manner.

Knit to first marker, slip marker and knit to second marker. Slip marker and knit to end of round.

You are now ready to begin the gusset decreases.

GUSSET DECREASES

Round 1 - Knit to 3 stitches before the first marker, k2tog, k1. Slip marker and then knit to the second marker, slip marker, k1, ssk, knit to end of round.

Round 2 - Knit to first marker, slip marker and then knit to the second marker, slip marker and knit to end of round.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 28 (32, 36) stitches on each needle. You will now be back to your original cast on number of 56 (64, 72) stitches.

FOOT

On the next round you can remove the stitch markers and rearrange your stitches so that you have your instep stitches on needle 1 and your sole stitches on needle 2.

You will now work the foot of your sock, knitting all stitches on every round.

Continue knitting until your foot measures approximately 2 inches shorter than your desired length.



UMBRELLA TOE

Size Small (56 stitch sock)

Round 1 - (k5, k2tog) to end of round. (48 sts)

Knit 5 rounds.

Round 7 - (k4, k2tog) to end of round. (40 sts)

Knit 4 rounds.

Round 12 - (k3, k2tog) to end of round. (32 sts)

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 16 - (k2, k2tog) to end of round. (24 sts)

Knit 2 rounds.

Round 19 - (k1, k2tog) to end of round. (16 sts)

Round 20 - (k2tog) to end of round. (8 sts)

Size Medium (64 stitch sock)

Round 1 - (k6, k2tog) to end of round. (56 sts)

Knit 5 rounds.

Round 7 - (k5, k2tog) to end of round. (48 sts)

Knit 4 rounds.

Round 12 - (k4, k2tog) to end of round. (40 sts)

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 16 - (k3, k2tog) to end of round. (32 sts)

Knit 2 rounds.

Round 19 - (k2, k2tog) to end of round. (24 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Round 21 - (k1, k2tog) to end of round. (16 sts)

Round 22 - (k2tog) to end of round. (8 sts)

Size Large (72 stitch sock)

Round 1 - (k7, k2tog) to end of round. (64 sts)

Knit 5 rounds.

Round 7 - (k6, k2tog) to end of round. (56 sts)

Knit 4 rounds.

Round 12 - (k5, k2tog) to end of round. (48 sts)

Knit 3 rounds.

Round 16 - (k4, k2tog) to end of round. (40 sts)

Knit 2 rounds.

Round 19 - (k3, k2tog) to end of round. (32 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Round 21 - (k2, k2tog) to end of round. (24 sts)

Knit 1 round.

Round 23 - (k1, k2tog) to end of round. (16 sts)

Round 24 - (k2tog) to end of round. (8 sts)

You will now have 8 stitches on your needle which you can graft using the Kitchener Stitch technique. All that is left to do is to weave in your ends and then wash and block your socks.

