

Father's Day Socks

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Originally published on my first ever blog, this is the reformatted version of the pattern for my current blog Redeemed Rose and for Ravelry.

This pattern was written from my standard design for men's socks. In particular my Father since he loves hand knit socks, yet has the tendency to be a space heater and is also rather hard on his socks. The yarn I picked stands up to his wear and tear, but another heavy fingering weight yarn in any sock yarn useable blend would work great for these socks too.

In the pattern instructions are given for a basic heel flap and gusset, but depending on your sock wearer's heel you can adapt it for any type of heel you wish. So knit on, and I'd love to see how your socks turn out! Also, if there are any problems with the pattern or if I haven't been clear on something please let me know so I can adjust it or help you. Now on to the pattern!



Size : Fits Men's Medium to Wide (Average width for men is 9.5 inches and wide width is 10.5 inches in circumference)

Needles : Size 3US (3.25 mm) set of 4 or 5 Double Pointed Needles

Yarn : Cascade Yarns Fixation (186 yards stretched, 100 yards relaxed per 50g ball/98.3% cotton 1.7% elastic) 2-3 balls (When making mens size US 10.5 socks with a heel flap 30 yards unstretched were left over from 2 balls and I would recommend buying a 3rd ball if you're making larger socks.)

Gauge : 28 sts and 50 rows = 4" (10cm) in Stockinette st

Cuff

CO 64 sts divide on 3 needles as follows: Needle 1 - 24sts; Needle 2 - 16sts; Needle 3 - 24sts. Join without twisting.

Round 1 : (K1, P1) repeat to end of round.

Repeat round 1 10x more for a total of 11 rounds.

Leg

Round 1 : (K3, P1) repeat across round.

Repeat round 1 until work is 6 inches long.

Heel Flap

Work 31 sts in pattern, hold on N1 or move these stitches to a holder. (Heel will be worked on N2 and N3)

Row 1 (RS) : Sl1, (K1, P1) repeat to end of heel.

Row 2 (WS) : Sl1, (P1, K1) repeat to end of heel.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 14 more times. (15 repeats total)

Note for Heel flap: On the first row replace Sl1 with P1

Turn Heel

Row 1 (RS) : Sl1, k18, ssk, k1, turn

Row 2 : Sl1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3 : Sl1, k7, ssk, k1, turn

Row 4 : Sl1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 5 : Sl1, k9, ssk, k1, turn

Row 6 : Sl1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 7 : Sl1, k11, ssk, k1, turn

Row 8 : Sl1, p12, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 9 : Sl1, k13, ssk, k1, turn

Row 10 : Sl1, p14, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 11 : Sl1, k15, ssk, k1, turn

Row 12 : Sl1, p16, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 13 : Sl1, k17, ssk.

Row 14 : Sl1, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog (19 sts)

Row 15 : Knit across

Slip last 10 sts of heel onto another needle

Gussets

Pick up and knit 16 sts from heel flap and 1 from between the heel flap and held sts, this is now needle 1; Work needle 2 in pattern as established; With new needle 3 pick up one st from between held sts and heel flap and 18 sts from heel flap then knit remaining 10 sts onto needle 3.

Needle 1 - 26 sts

Needle 2 - 31 sts

Needle 3 - 27 sts

Round 1 : N1 knit to last 2 sts k2tog; N2 work in pattern; N3 ssk knit to end.

Round 2 : N1 knit across; N2 work in pattern; N3 knit across.

Round 3 : N1 knit to last 2 sts k2tog; N2 work in pattern; N3 ssk knit across.

Repeat rounds 2 & 3 until N1 has 15 sts and N3 has 16 sts.

Knit across needle 1.

Foot

Round 1 : Knit in pattern across new needle 1; Knit across new needles 2 & 3.

Repeat until sock measures 2 inches from desired length from heel.

Toe

Round 1 : K1, k2tog knit to last 3 sts on N1 ssk, k1; k1, k2tog knit across N2; knit to last 3 sts on N3 ssk, k1.

Round 2 : Knit across.

Repeat until 22 sts are left in round.

Finishing

Slip sts from N2 and N3 to one needle.

Leaving a 12 inch tail cut yarn and graft sts together. (Grafting instructions here from Knitty.)

Weave in ends.

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