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Materials

Needles: US 1.5/2.5 mm DPN

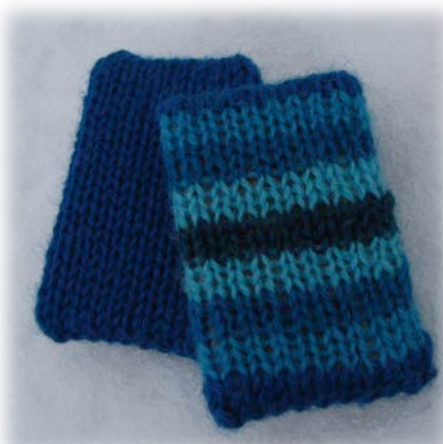
Yarn: Approx. 11 yds dk or light worsted wool per sock

Tapestry needle (to weave in ends)

Finishing supplies: cedar planks¹ or dried lavender

Gauge

20 sts and 30 rows of Stst = 4"/10 cm (unstretched)



Friends don't let friends get moths in their stash! This makes a fun, practical gift that can be knit up quickly with as much or as little embellishment as you desire. The knitted "socks" for the cedar planks provide a stylish and practical layer of separation between wools that need protecting from moths and any natural oils that might exist on the wood chips (alternately, dried lavender sachet or cedar chips can be used as filling to create sachet pillows). Make a bundled set as a gift or use left over yarn from your next sweater project and make a matching sachet sock to protect it from moths in your closet.

***About the technique:** The double knitting technique allows you to knit in the round using two DPNs. This simple pattern provides a quick and easy complete project for learning a technique that can be embellished with stripes, duplicate stitching, or fair isle designs.*

NOTE: For steps 1-3, the knit stitch is always worked on the side of the sock that is away from you, and the slipped stitch is on the side of the sock closest to you. It is essential you not cross the yarns from the two sides or you will not end up with a pocket in the middle; so be sure to keep the yarn in back with the stitch you just worked when you slip the following stitch. You will soon notice the pocket developing inside the sock.

Instructions

1. Cast on 20 stitches using your favorite cast on; long-tail works well for this.
2. *K1, S1; repeat from * to end. (Note: This creates stockinette on the inside of the sock as you are knitting it; you are knitting the sock inside out and will turn it before grafting the end shut.)
3. Repeat this row for approximately 26 rows per side or until desired length (since you are "double knitting" be sure to knit an even number of rows so both layers are equal length). **TIP:** As you begin each new row, pull the working yarn behind the first stitch (under the right needle) as you insert the needle to keep a neat edge.
4. Divide the stitches between two DPNs so that you can open it and reveal the inside pocket between the two layers of the sock. (I do this by holding two DPNs in my right hand and alternately slipping stitches from the needle in my left hand, the first and odd numbered stitches to the back needle and the second and even numbered stitches to the front needle.)
5. Weave in tail from cast on then turn the sock right side out. Slip the cedar plank inside, pull the top snug and use kitchener stitch to bind off and seal the sock shut. The sock should fit snugly over the plank.

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¹ I prefer the lavender-scented cedar blocks (2.75" x 1.75") that come in a pack of 20 from <http://www.cedaramerica.com/>. If you wish, lightly sand the block to release additional aroma before slipping it into the knitted sock. Besides repelling moths, the cedar absorbs moisture and unpleasant odors and is 100% natural and safe for the environment. In addition to protecting wools and your yarn stash from moths, the sachets can be used to freshen storage chests, garment bags, drawers, shoe containers, and luggage.