



Very Vanilla

Socks



Plain, basic, very vanilla socks.

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MATERIALS

Madelinetosh Tosh Sock yarn;
(100% Merino; 361m / 395yds per 115g)
Colour: Wash; 1 skein.

OR approx 275m / 300yds of 4 ply (Fingering) yarn
1 set 2.25mm / US 1 dpns
3 x stitch markers
tapestry needle

SIZE

Women's Medium
To fit foot circumference: 20 cm / 8 in

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Sock circumference: 19 cm / 7.5 in
Leg length: 16 cm / 6.25 in
Foot length: 23 cm / 9 in

TENSION

16 sts and 20 rnds = 5cm / 2in worked in St st using
2.25mm / US 1 needles, or size required to obtain
gauge.

Check your tension.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx.	approximately
cm	centimetres
CO	cast on
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
g	grams
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
m	metres
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 sts together
rep(s)	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sl1	slip 1 st purlwise
ssk	slip first st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, knit those two sts together through the back loops
St st	stocking/stockinette stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tension	gauge
WS	wrong side
yds	yards

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Pattern

Using 2.25mm needles cast on 60 sts and join – being careful not to twist. Place a marker for the beginning of rnd.

CUFF

Rnds 1-25: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.

LEG

Rnd 1: K to end.

Rep Rnd 1 until work measures approx. 16 cm / 6.25 in from CO.

HEEL FLAP

The heel flap is worked back and forth on half of the sts. The remaining 30 sts will be worked later for the instep.

Row 1 (RS): *Sl1, k1; rep from * to end, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, p to end, turn.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 16 times. (34 rows in total)

TURN HEEL

Row 1 (RS): K17, ssk, k1, turn. [29 sts]

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn. [28 sts]

Row 3: Sl1, k to st before the gap, ssk, k1, turn. [27 sts]

Row 4: Sl1, p to st before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn. [26 sts]

Rep rows 3 and 4 until all sts have been worked. [18 sts]

Next: Turn, k9. Move beginning of rnd marker here for new beginning of rnd.

GUSSET

K remaining 9 heel sts. Pick up and k 17 sts through the loops of the slipped sts along the left heel flap. Place a marker for gusset shaping. K the instep sts (the 30 sts that were left unworked). Place a marker for gusset shaping. Pick up and k 17 sts (the same number as the left side) through the loops of the slipped sts along the right heel flap. K to beginning of rnd marker.

SHAPE GUSSET

Hint: The picked up sts will be tighter if knit through the back loops on the next rnd only.

Next rnd: K until 2 sts before the first gusset marker, k2tog, slip marker, k to second gusset marker, slip marker, ssk, k to beginning of rnd marker. [80 sts]

Rnd 1: K until 3 sts before first gusset marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker, k until the second gusset marker, slip marker, k1, ssk, k to beginning of rnd marker. [78 sts]

Rnd 2: K to end.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 60 sts remain.

FOOT

Rnd 1: K to end.

Rep Rnd 1 until sock measures approx. 19 cm / 7.5 in from back of heel - or until sock foot measures approx. 4 cm / 1.5 in less than desired foot length.

TOE

Rnd 1: K until 3 sts before first gusset marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker, k1, ssk, k until 3 sts before second gusset marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker, k1, ssk, k to beginning of rnd marker.

Rnd 2: K to end.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 40 sts remain.

Next: Rep Rnd 1 until 20 sts remain.

Then: K the next 5 sts to stitch marker, yarn is now at the side of the toes and the sock is ready to be grafted.

FINISHING

Graft toes closed using Kitchener St or follow the grafting instructions.

Weave in ends.

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GRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

Cut yarn, leaving a tail approx. 50cm / 20in long. Thread this onto a yarn needle.

With the 10 sole sts on a dpn and the 10 instep sts on another dpn, hold the dpns parallel wrong sides together and instep side up. Work grafting as follows:

Step 1: Insert the needle through the first st on the back needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through, but leave the st on the needle.

Step 2: Insert the needle through the first st on the front needle as if to knit. Pull the yarn through and drop this st off the needle.

Step 3: Insert the needle through the next st on the front needle as if to purl. Pull the yarn through and leave the st on the needle.

Step 4: Insert the needle through the first st on the back needle (the st left on the needle in Step 1) as if to purl. Pull the yarn through and drop the st off the needle.

Rep these four steps until all the sts are worked.

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