



Business Casual

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A stylish pair of socks to take you from work days at the office, to weekends spent lounging in front of the tv. This fun faux-argyle pattern adds the perfect dash of preppy style to any outfit.

Materials:

1 skein Tanis Fiber Arts Blue Label Fingering Weight yarn 115g = 420yds, or 1 skein Tanis Fiber Arts Purple Label Cashmere Sock yarn 115g = 400 yds.
Needles: Set of 4, 2.5mm dpns or size needed to obtain gauge
Tapestry needle

Gauge: 7 sts and 10 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch

Size: S (L) leg circumference: approx. 8 (10)"



Abbreviations

CO :: cast on
k :: knit
p :: purl
k2tog :: knit 2 stitches together as one.
ssk :: Slip, slip, knit. Slip one stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to purl, knit the 2 together through the back loops.
C2B :: Slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front onto a cable needle and hold in back of work. k1 st from the left needle, k1 st from the cable needle.
C2F :: Slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back onto a cable needle and hold in front of work. k1 st from the left needle, k1 st from the cable needle.
RS :: right side
WS :: wrong side

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Instructions:

CO 64 (72) sts over 2 dpns held together (for an elastic cast on). Divide sts evenly onto 3 needles and join for working in the round being careful not to twist. Use yarn tail to visually mark the beginning of round.

Work ribbing as follows for 1.5": k1, (p2, k2) until 3 sts remain in round, p2, k1.

Leg Pattern:

*Pattern is repeated 4 times per round.

*Since stitches will travel around the entire sock, you will have to reorganize the stitch placement on your dpns occasionally in order to cross the last stitch on one needle with the first stitch on the next needle.

*Be careful to only read the instructions for the size you are making.

All sizes:

Round 1: *C2F, k12 (14) C2B.
Round 2: *k1, C2F, k10 (12) C2B, k1.
Round 3: *k2, C2F, k8 (10) C2B, k2.
Round 4: *k3, C2F, k6 (8) C2B, k3.
Round 5: *k4, C2F, k4 (6) C2B, k4.
Round 6: *k5, C2F, k2 (4) C2B, k5.

Size small

Round 7: *k6, C2F, C2B, k6.
Round 8: *k7, C2F, k7; repeat from * 3 more times, then skip round 9 and go directly to Round 10.

Size large

Round 7: *k6, C2F, k2, C2B, k6.
Round 8: *k7, C2F, C2B, k7.
Round 9: *k8, C2F, k8.

All sizes:

Round 10: *k6 (7), C2B, C2F, k6 (7).
Round 11: *k5 (6), C2B, k2, C2F, k5 (6).
Round 12: *k4 (5), C2B, k4, C2F, k4 (5).
Round 13: *k3 (4), C2B, k6, C2F, k3 (4).
Round 14: *k2 (3), C2B, k8, C2F, k2 (3).
Round 15: *k1 (2), C2B, k10, C2F, k1 (2).

Size small:

Round 16: *C2B, k12, C2F; repeat from * 3 more times, but on last C2F (last 2 sts of round) do not knit the last st, work the C2F, but transfer the stitch that you cross over the front to dpn #1, and work it as a C2B as per round 17 instructions.

Round 17: using last st from previous round as first st for this round, *C2B, k14; repeat from * 3 more times. Before beginning next round (round 1) knit 1st st from needle 1 and transfer onto right hand needle (needle 3), you've now worked one full repeat and have the sts lined up to begin round 1.

Size large:

Round 16: *k1, C2B, k12, C2F, k1;
Round 17: *C2B, k14, C2F; repeat from * 3 more times, but on last C2F (last 2 sts of round) do not knit the last st, work the C2F, but transfer the stitch that you cross over the front to dpn #1, and work it as a C2B as per round 18 instructions.
Round 18: : using last st from previous round as first st for this round, *C2B, k16; repeat from * 3 more times. Before beginning next round (round 1) knit 1st st from needle 1 and transfer onto right hand needle (needle 3), you've now worked one full repeat and have the sts lined up to begin round 1.

Work rounds 1-17 (18) a total of 3 (4) times ending the last repeat after round 16 (17).

Heel:

Work a slipped stitch heel flap over 32 (36) sts as follows:
Row 1: k32 (36) sts, place all 32 (36) sts just worked on a single dpn, work heel flap on this needle only, remaining 32 (36) foot sts are held aside to be worked later.
Row 2: sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in front, p to end of needle.
Row 3: *sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, k1* repeat to end of needle.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until heel flap measures 1.75 (2)".

Next row: (WS) sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in front p17 (19), p2tog, p1, turn work.
Row 2: (RS) sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, k5, ssk, k1, turn work.
Row 3: (WS) sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in front, p6, p2tog, p1, turn work.
Row 4: (RS) sl 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, k7, ssk, k1, turn work.

Continue in this manner working 1 more st before decrease each row until all heel sts have been worked - 18 (20) sts remaining.



Foot pattern:

All sizes:

Round 1-16 (17): same as leg pattern, but repeated only twice on top of foot.

Round 17 (18): k15 (17) C2B, k15 (17).

Gusset :

Place 32 (36) held foot sts on one dpn, this will be needle 2.

Set up round: With needle 1 (needle holding heel sts) and right side of work facing, pick up and knit one stitch in every slipped stitch along the side of the heel flap plus one stitch between heel flap and foot, take note of number of sts picked up. Work round 17 (18) of foot pattern across needle 2. With needle 3, pick up one stitch between foot and heel flap, and then one stitch in every slipped stitch along next side of heel flap, be sure to have picked up the same amount as on needle 1. Knit across 9 (10) sole sts from needle 1 and slip onto needle 3. Needle 1 and 3 should have the same amount of sts.

Gusset round 1: knit across needle 1, work foot pattern across needle 2, then knit across needle 3.

Gusset round 2: k to 3 sts before end of needle 1, k2tog, k1, work across needle 2 in foot pattern. On needle 3, k1, ssk, k to end of round.

Repeat round 1 and 2 until there are 64 (72) sts total - 16 (18) sts on each gusset needle (needles 1 and 3) and 32 (36) sts for top of foot (needle 2). Continue working without decreasing until foot measures approx. 2 inches less than desired length ending after either round 17 (18) or round 8 (9).

Work toe:

Round 1: k to 3 sts before end of needle 1, k2tog, k1; on needle 2, k1, ssk, k to 3 sts before end of needle, k2tog, k1; on needle 3, k1, ssk, k to end of round.

Round 2: k all sts in round.

Repeat these two rounds until there are 24 (28) total sts remaining. k across needle 1 and slip those sts onto needle 3. Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail, using kitchener stitch graft toe closed.

Repeat for second sock and Voila! You have a lovely pair of Business Casual socks to wear with pride to the office, or on the weekend!

