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GENERAL RULES FOR KNITTING SOCKS.

Size of needles depends much upon the knitter, as some persons knit very much tighter than others. Needles Nos. 16, 15, and 14, are the three sizes generally used in knitting socks. Nos. 12 and 13, if very coarse wool is knit.

The two best Wools for fine socks are Merino and Andalusian; for these a *tight* knitter will use No. 15, a *loose* knitter No. 16 needles.

The best Wool for general sock knitting is Scotch Fingering; for this a *tight* knitter will require No. 14, a *loose* knitter No. 15 needles.

In knitting socks in two colours, observe, throughout the sock to make the seam or centre stitch the commencement of every fresh round, and count all your rounds from this seam stitch. Join your second colour at centre stitch; never break it off, but keep the Wool *inside* your sock. In commencing a fresh stripe of colour, for the first stitch take the two colours together, holding the fresh colour rather loosely to prevent it dragging; by this means you will never see the join, and the two colours will work right through the whole sock. Your stripes must always be even numbers to bring your heel right—4 of Mauve, and 2 of White—6 of Scarlet, and 4 of Grey, according to taste.

The chief things to be remembered in knitting the stripes:—to commence your sock, after ribbing the top, with a fresh colour—to bring your stripe right so as to commence your heel with a fresh colour—to take up stitches at side of heel with same colour as you commenced the heel, thus bringing your stripes right across the foot.

In the pattern given there are two sizes with full directions, and two with merely the numbers put down. Any one who is able to knit the one size will soon see how to increase in proportion for different sizes. The size of socks depends chiefly upon the Wool used. For Men's socks, knit in Scotch Fingering, about 96 stitches is a good size, or if in finer Wool, 108.

RIBBED SOCKS.

Some persons rib socks throughout, in which case knit 2, seam 2, down the whole leg, (unless you narrow them, which you must do the same as in plain socks, but most people prefer them not narrowed) until you come to the heel.

For the heel put as many stitches on the *back* needle as you have on both the others together, taking some off both front needles on to the back needle. The heel is ribbed same as rest of stocking, knitting 2, seaming 2. Remember to slip the first stitch of every row. Round your heel as in plain sock, by dividing it into three, and keep reducing at each side until you have only a third left on the needle.

Take up stitches at side of heel, and 5 off front needle, same as in plain socks.

After commencing the foot, the front needle only is ribbed, the other two being knitted plain under the foot.

Reduce as in other socks until a proper width; knit the foot the required length, reduce again at toe as in other socks, and cast off. After you commence the reducing of the toe it is *all* plain knitting.

Stockings are knitted in the same manner as socks, putting more stitches on the needles to commence with, and making a greater length in leg; reduce in leg and foot same as in socks.

The term Seam used here is the same as Pearl, and means to knit with the thread before the needle.

CHILD'S SOCK, NO. 2.

Cast 72 stitches on 1 needle. Knit them off on 3 needles, knitting 2 more on the 1st than on either of the others, which when you join the sock by knitting 2 off 1st needle on to the last, will leave 24 stitches on each needle.

Knit 1 round plain.

Knit 2, seam 2, for 30 rounds—this completes the ribbed top to your sock.

Knit 16 rounds plain. Remember to seam the 13th or centre stitch of your back needle. (The back needle is the one where the join is at the commencement.)

17th round. In the back needle *only*; knit 9, take 2 together, knit 1, seam your centre stitch, knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one; knit plain to end of round.

18, 19, 20, 21, & 22nd rounds. Knit plain, (except the centre stitch in back needle, which is *always* to be seamed until you commence narrowing the heel.)

23rd. Reduce 2 stitches, as you did in 17th round. Recollect always to knit 1 stitch plain between the narrowing and centre seam stitch on each side.

24, 25, 26, 27, & 28th rounds. Knit plain.

29th. Narrow, as at 23rd.

30, 31, 32, 33, & 34th rounds. Knit plain.

35th. Narrow, as at 29th.

36, 37, 38, 39, & 40th rounds. Knit plain.

41st. Narrow as at 35th.

Knit 19 rounds plain. This finishes your sock to the heel. You should have 62 stitches in all on your needles.

Prepare for heel by knitting to the end of your back needle, and from 1st side (or next needle) knit off on to *back* needle 9 stitches. Knit the other 15 stitches from 1st side needle, on to another needle. Knit 2nd side needle to within 8 stitches of the end. These 8 you must pass to the heel or back needle without knitting. You ought to have 31 stitches on heel, and 16 on 1st side, and 15 on 2nd side needles. The 2 front needles are not used again until the heel is completed.

The heel is made by knitting and seaming alternate rows until it is long enough, which it will be after 24 rows. Observe to slip the 1st stitch of every row instead of knitting or seaming it.

25th row. Knit 19 stitches plain, take 2 together,* turn your needle, seam 9 stitches, take 2 together. Again turn your needle. Knit 9 stitches, take 2 together. Repeat from* until you have only 10 stitches left on your needle. This finishes the heel.

With this needle on which you have the 10 stitches, take up, and as you take up, knit 12 stitches from side of your heel. Knit 5 stitches off front needle on to the same. Knit all the stitches from the 2 front needles excepting the 5 last on to another needle. These 5 stitches must be knitted on a third needle, with which take up, and as you take up, knit 12 stitches from side of heel; also knit 5 stitches from other side needle on to this. You must have 22 stitches on each side needle, and 21 on front needle.

The next needle which is your 1st side needle. Knit 5, make 1, (by taking up a stitch at back, and knitting it,) knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1 knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 5; this needle ought to have 27 stitches on it.

Front needle knit plain.

2nd side needle. Knit 5, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 5; this needle must also have 27 stitches on it.

*1st side needle. Knit plain till within 7 stitches of the end, when take two together; knit 5.

Front needle. Knit plain.

2nd side needle. Knit 5, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one. Knit plain to end of needle. Repeat from * every other round, the alternate round being knitted plain, until your foot is sufficiently reduced which it will be when you have 62 stitches in all on your needles.

• Knit about 38 rounds plain.

To reduce for toe:—Put as many stitches on your front needle as you have on the other two together—thus 31 on front, 15 on one side, 16 on the other side needle, taking one less from one side needle than the other to the front needle.

Commence the toe at front needle by knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one. Knit plain to within 3 of end, when take 2 together; knit 1.

In 1st back needle. Knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one; knit plain to end of needle.

In 2nd back needle. Knit plain to within 3 of the end; take 2 together, knit 1.

This reducing for the toe is repeated every other round, the alternate rounds being knitted plain, until you have about 24 stitches in all left on your needles. Knit these together, and cast off.

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*This Sock knitted in Andalusian Wool is same size as No. 1 in Scotch Fingering: if knitted in the latter, will fit a child of three years old.*

