

Achim's Socks

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What do you make for a man who doesn't wear sweaters but does like cashmere? Cashmerino socks...at least, that's what I decided to make for my boyfriend.

These socks feature baby cable clocks where the cable is twisted every second row—easy to do and if you pair the twist row with your gusset decrease rows, you'll be able to keep track of what you're doing easily. Please read the directions carefully—the set-up for the baby cable clocks is a bit different for the larger size than for the smaller.

Shoe Size: Men's 7-8 (9-10)

Gauge: 6 sts/in, 7.5 rnds/in in stockinette on #2 dps

Yarn: 2 (3) balls of KYI Cash Merino or Debby Bliss Baby CashMerino, 137 yds (141 meters)/50 gms per ball

Directions for larger size are in parentheses.

Baby Cable Pattern:

Rnd 1: P2, k2, p2

Rnd 2: P2, knit into the back of 2nd st on ndl, knit the 1st st, then slip both sts off ndl, p2

Cast on 48 (56) sts loosely.

Divide sts on 3 dp needles as follows:

N1: 12 (14) heel sts.

N2: 24 (28) instep sts.

N3: 12 (14) heel sts.

Join.

Leg:

For **first size**, establish pattern as follows:

Rnd 1: K2, P2 around, end P2

Rnd 2: K2, P2 on 12 sts of Ndl 1; on first 2 sts of Ndl 2 work baby cable twist, P2, K2 four times, P2, work baby cable twist, P2—24 sts of Ndl 2; K2, P2 on 12 sts of Ndl 3, end P2.

For **second size**, establish pattern as follows:

Rnd 1: K2, P2 around, end P2

Rnd 2: K2, P2 on 14 sts of Ndl 1; P2, work baby cable twist on next 2 sts, P2, K2 four times, P2, work baby cable twist, P2, K2—28 sts of Ndl 2; P2, K2 on 14 sts of Ndl 3, end P2.

Work in pattern as established for 6 rnds, and following baby cable pattern instructions above.

For first size only: At beginning of Rnd 6, work stitches on N1 as follows: K1, inc 1, K1, p2, k1, inc 1, k1, p2, k2, slip next p2 sts to N3—26 sts; continue in pattern as established.

For second size only: At the beginning of Rnd 6: N1: Work in pattern as established. N2: Work as established across instep to last 2 K sts (26 sts on instep), slip those 2 K sts onto N3, P2 tog, K2, P2 tog, continue in pattern as established, end P2.

With baby cable pattern established, continue to work all stitches in stockinette st (K every rnd) **except** the baby cable pattern clocking on each side of the instep (don't forget, the cable pattern will include the 2 purl stitches on either side of the cable) Work in pattern as now established until leg measures 7" (8") from beginning or desired length

Complete sts on N2.

Heel:

Slip N3 sts onto N1. [24 (28) sts]

With RS facing, work back and forth as follows:

Rw 1: *Sl 1 purlwise, k1. Repeat from * to end.

Rw 2: Sl 1 purlwise, p to end.

Repeat these 2 rows until 24 (28) rws are complete.

Turn Heel:

Note: Sl 1 = sl 1 purlwise

Round Heel

Rw 1: (RS) K13 (14), ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 2: Sl 1, p3, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Rw 3: Sl 1, k4, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 4: Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Rw 5: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 6: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Rw 7: Sl 1, k8, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 8: Sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Rw 9: Sl 1, k10, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 10: Sl 1, p11, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Second Size only:

Rw 11: Sl 1, k11, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 12: Sl 1, p12, p2tog, p1. Turn

Both Sizes: Work 7 (8) sts.

Heel Gusset:

With free needle and right side facing, k second half of the heel sts. [N1]

Continuing with the same needle, pick up 12 (13) sts along the side of the heel.

Pick up and knit st from the row below the first instep st to prevent a hole. [N1: 20 (23) sts]

With another needle, work across the 26 instep sts. [N2]

With free needle, pick up and knit st from the row below the first heel st to prevent a hole.

Pick up 12 (13) sts along the side of the heel and work across the remaining heel sts. [N3: 20 (23) sts]

Shape Gusset:

Dec. Rnd

N1: Work to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1.

N2: (instep) Work even.

N3: k1, ssk, work to end.

Next Rnd: Work even.

Repeat these two rnds until there are 50 (54) sts remaining. You should have 12 (14) sts on N1 and N3, 26 sts on N2.

Foot:

Continue working in rounds until foot measures 7.7"-8" (8.5") or desired length, ending on Rnd 1 of Baby Cable pattern.

On First Size only, knit the 2 sts of the cable tog on each cable—24 sts on instep.

On Second Size only, knit 1st st of Baby Cable, make 1, knit 2nd st of Baby cable, repeat increase on second cable—28 sts.

Complete sts on N3.

Shape Toe:

Rnd 1:

N1:(heel) Work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

N2:(instep) K1, ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

N3:(heel) K1, ssk, complete round.

Rnd 2: Work even.

Repeat these two rnds until 24 (28) sts remain.

Work Rnd 1 only until 12 sts remain.

Finishing:

Cut yarn leaving a 3" tail.

With tapestry needle draw the end through rem sts.

Pull tight and fasten off.

OR

Work sts on N1 and N3.

Holding N1 and N2 together, graft sts together using Kitchener st, or thread a yarn needle and draw through all open sts.

Weave in ends on inside of sock.

Work second sock the same...and cast on immediately after finishing the first so you don't end up with One Sock Syndrome!

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