

The Traveling Wilbury Socks

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The original 1997 pattern, a basic sock with a 2/2 rib and moss stitch pattern, was published as a freebie to the Knit List and then as a free pattern on the old Knitting Curmudgeon website that I ran off of my AOL member's server space. I have made some minor revisions in the directions; however, this is the original design.

I have used this pattern extensively for multi-colored sock yarn for more than 5 years. The moss stitch does a great job of diffusing the blotchiness of space-dyed or handpainted yarns. And if you leave out the moss stitch, you've got a nice, plain-vanilla sock pattern.

If you prefer using 5 needles instead of 4, just divvy up the instep stitches between 2 needles instead of just one.

Shoe Size: Women's 9-10

Gauge: 7.75 sts/in, 10 rws/in (knit a circular swatch)

Needles: 4 dp

Needle Size: 1

Yarn: Regia, Socka, Blauband, whatever will get you the correct gauge

Knit 2, Purl 2 rib:

All Rnds: K2, P2 around.

Moss Stitch:

Rnds 1&2: K2, P2

Rnds 3&4: P2, K2

Repeat these 4 rnds for pattern st

Stockinette Stitch (st st):

Knit every round.

Cast on 60 sts loosely.

Divide sts on 3 dp needles as follows:

N1: 14 heel sts.

N2: 32 instep sts.

N3: 14 heel sts.

Join.

Cuff/Leg: Work in k2, p2 rib for 6-8", inc 2 sts on N1, 2 sts on N3—64 sts

Complete sts on N2.

Heel:

Slip N3 sts onto N1. [32 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 32 rws are complete. [3.2"]

Turn Heel:

Note: Sl 1 = sl 1 purlwise

Rw 1: (RS) K17, 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.

Rw 11: Sl 1, k12, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 12: Sl 1, p13, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Rw 13: Sl 1, k14, ssk, k1. Turn.

Rw 14: Sl 1, p15, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Work 9 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 16 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: 26 sts total]

With another needle, continue moss st pat across the 32 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 16 sts along the side of the heel and work across the remaining heel sts.

[N3: 26 sts total]

Shape Gusset:

Dec. Rnd

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

N2: (instep) Continue moss st pattern.

N3: k1, ssk, work in st st to end.

Next Rnd: Work even, with N2 in moss st.

Repeat these two rnds until there are 64 sts remaining.

Foot:

Continue working in rounds, with N2 in moss st, N1 & 3 in st st, until foot measures 8.5" or desired length.
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 32 sts remain. [16 rnds]

Work Rnd 1 only until 16 sts remain.

Finishing:

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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