

Valentine's Sock – Basic Pattern

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Size:

Adjustable, any size foot with circumference of 8-9.5 in.

Yarn:

Nestucca Bay Yarn's Sportweight Superwash Merino Sock Yarn in #Dahlia (100% superwash merino wool, 225 yd). 1 skein for women's socks, 2 skeins for men's socks.

Needles:

Size 3 (3 mm) set of 5 double-pointed needles (dpns).

Notions:

Marker (m), tapestry needle

Gauge:

6.5 st/in in stockinette stitch (stst)

Stitch key:

k = Knit

p = Purl

Sl = slip stitch

wyb = with yarn in back

wyf = with yarn in front

ssk = slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, knit both stitches together through the back loops

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

rep = Repeat

Stitch Patterns:

Ribbing – (K2, P2) repeat

Cuff:

Using dpns, loosely CO 56 st. Arrange sts on 4 dpns so that each dpn holds 14 st. Join rnd, placing marker on after the first stitch dpn 1, and knit in k2 p2 rib for 1½" (4 cm). Record the number of rounds worked _____ .



Leg:

Switch to stst and knit until leg measures approximately 5.5 in. Record the number of stst rounds worked _____.

Heel:Heel Flap:

Knit a partial rnd, ending before you work needle 4. The 28 sts on dpns 4 and 1 will be used for the heel flap. Sl all heel flap sts onto one dpn.

Row 1 (RS): (Sl 1 knitwise wyb, k) rep to end

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1 purlwise wyf, p to end.

Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until heel flap measures 2 in. or the same number of rows as heel flap sts have been worked (28 rows).

Turn Heel:

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1 purlwise wyb, k15, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1 purlwise wyf, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1 knitwise wyb, k to 1 st before the gap formed on previous row, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1 purlwise wyf, p to 1 st before the gap formed on previous row, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all heel stitches have been worked. 16 stitches remain.

Gusset: Divide heel flap sts onto 2 dpns.

Rnd 1: K across heel flap. Using dpn 1, pick up and k14 st from edge of heel flap, work 28 st on dpns 2 & 3; pick up and k14 along other edge of heel flap onto dpn 4, k8 st from the heel flap onto ndl 4.

Rnd 2: K to last 3 st on dpn 1, k2tog, k1; k28 on dpns 2 & 3; k1, ssk, knit to end

Rnd 3: K all sts.

Repeat Rnds 2 & 3 until 56 st remain (14 st each dpn)

Foot:

Work foot in stst until it measures 2" less than the length of the foot. Record number of rnds worked on foot _____.

Toe:

Rnd 1: Using dpn 1, *k to three st from end of needle, k2tog, k1; on next dpn, k1, ssk, k to end of dpn; rep from * on dpns 3 & 4.

Rnd 2: K all stitches.

Repeat rnds 1 & 2 until 16 stitches remain.

Graft remaining stitches together using Kitchener Stitch or sew closed.