



SQUISH HOUSE SOCKS

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Whether for lounging or warming your toes before bed, these warm socks are a wonderful quick knit!





Sizes

A (B, C)

Finished Measurements

(blocked)

Foot circumference 8 (8½, 9)" / 20.5 (21.5, 23) cm

Leg length: 5½" / 14 cm

Materials

- Loopy Mango "Mohair So Soft" (47% super kid mohair, 53% extra fine merino; 65 yards / 60 meters per approx. 50 grams/1.76 ounces); Color "London Fog" (light grey); 2 (2, 3) balls.
Shown in Size B and US women's foot size 8.
- Spincycle "Plump" (100% superwash American wool; 100 yards / 91.5 meters per approx. 100 grams/3.4 ounces); Color "Under the Wave;" 2 (2, 2) skeins.
Shown in Size A and US women's foot size 8.

OR use approx. 128 (144, 170) yards / 117 (131, 155) meters of any other bulky weight yarn.

For Size A

- US#10.5 (6.5 mm) (for body of the sock) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars or other preferred method of working small circumference in the rnd
- US 10 (6 mm)(for ribbing only) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars or other preferred method of working small circumference in the rnd

For Size B

- US#11 (8 mm) (for body of the sock) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars or other preferred method of working small circumference in the rnd
- US#10.5 (6.5 mm) (for ribbing only) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars or other preferred method of working small circumference in the rnd

For Size C

- US#13 (9 mm) (for body of the sock) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars, or other preferred method of working small circumference in the round
- US#11 (8 mm) (for ribbing only) set of 5 dpns or two 24" circulars, or other preferred method of working small circumference in the round

OR use size to obtain gauge

- 1 removable stitch marker
- Stitch holder, barber cord, or scrap of waste yarn
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

For Size A

14 stitches x 22 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockingette stitch on US#10.5 (6.5 mm) worked in the round, measured once dry after washing and blocking

For Size B

13 stitches x 16 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockingette stitch on US#11 (8 mm) worked in the round, measured once dry after washing and blocking

For Size C

12 stitches x 16 rows = 4" / 10 cm in St st on US#13 (9 mm) worked in the round, measured once dry after washing and blocking

Notes

This sock is worked toe-up in the round, starting with the figure 8 or Judy's Magic cast on the toe that is shaped with increases. The body of the sock is knit entirely in St st, until the heel which is then shaped using German short rows. Once that is completed, the sock is resumed and finished with 2x2 ribbing worked on smaller size needle. To make sure the sock can be worn up and folded as a cuff, the sock is bound off using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off method.

Techniques

PROVISIONAL FIGURE 8 CAST ON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LvanJobvjo>

JUDY'S MAGIC CAST ON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pmxRDZ-cwo>

GERMAN SHORT ROWS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_6Pjl20zKA

To slip a stitch for German short rows (sl-GSR), slip it purlwise with yarn in front, then pull the working yarn straight up over and behind the right-hand needle, tightening the slipped stitch until the legs of the stitch in the row below it get pulled up onto the needle. When you come back later to work into this slipped stitch, it will look like an odd sort of "double" stitch. When you work back over the "double" stitch later, knit or purl it through both legs.

JENY'S SURPRISING STRETCHY BIND OFF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBhe-JYmgl>

Abbreviations

- BO - bind off
- CO - cast on
- k - knit
- kfb - knit into front, then into back of the same st (increase)
- LN - left needle
- m - marker
- p - purl
- rem - rem(ain/ing)
- RN - right needle
- rnd(s) - round(s)
- St st - Stockinette stitch
- sts - stitches

Sock (Make 2)

Using one of the preferred methods listed above CO 6 sts onto each of the 2 larger size needles. With the 3rd needle or just by pulling one of the needles and leaving bottom sts on the cord, k 1 rnd. 12 sts. Place removable BOR (beginning of the rnd) m.

Inc Rnd 1: *KFB, k4, kfb; rep from * one time more. 4 sts inc'd. 16 sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Inc Rnd 2: *KFB, k6, kfb; rep from * one time more. 4 sts inc'd. 20 sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Inc Rnd 3: *KFB, k8, kfb; rep from * one time more. 4 sts inc'd. 24 sts.

Next rnd: Knit.

Inc Rnd 4: *KFB, k10, kfb; rep from * one time more. 4 sts inc'd. 28 sts.

Heel

Slip last 2 sts back of the last worked rnd, replace BOR m.

Short Row 1 (RS): BOR m, 2 sts on the RN, k15, turn;

Short Row 2 (WS): Sl-GSR, p15, turn;

Short Row 3: Sl-GSR, k13, turn;

Short Row 4: Sl-GSR, p11, turn;

Short Row 5: Sl-GSR, k9, turn;

Short Row 6: Sl-GSR, p7, turn;

Short Row 7: Sl-GSR, k5, turn;

Short Row 8: Sl-GSR, p3, turn;

Short Row 9: Sl-GSR, k4, turn;

Short Row 10: Sl-GSR, p5, turn;

Short Row 11: Sl-GSR, k7, turn;

Short Row 12: Sl-GSR, p9, turn;

Short Row 13: Sl-GSR, k11, turn;

Short Row 14: Sl-GSR, p13, turn;

Short Row 15: Sl-GSR, k15, turn;

Short Row 16: Sl-GSR, p17, turn;

Short Row 17: Sl-GSR, k to end of the rnd.

Make sure to work the rem sl-GSR sts as one st on the next rnd, then continue to k in the rnd for approx. 2½" / 6.5 cm.

Ribbed Cuff

Resume with smaller size needle.

Rib Rnd: *K2, p2; rep from * to end.

Continue work in Rib Rnd until cuff measures approx. 3" / 7.5 cm or other desired length.

On the next rnd, BO all sts using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy method.

Finishing

Cut work yarn, leaving 4" / 10 cm tail. Thread the tail through the tapestry needle and weave in the end on the inside. Turn the Sock inside out, and weave in the end on the inside. Do not trim ends until after the socks have been washed and blocked. Soak in warm water with wool wash, lay flat to dry. Trim remaining yarn ends.