

Smallholder Socks



Since moving to the smallholding we tend to live in wellies or boots of some form.... Generally due to the mud. We need to have warm thick socks to keep our feet from freezing and these certainly do the job!!

Final Measurements:

Unstretched rib measurement = 7.57 inches or 19.5 cms in circumference

Leg length to bottom of heel flap = 9 inches or 23 cms

Foot length variable according to size

Gauge:

11 sts = 2 inches or 5 cms

14 rounds = 2 inches or 5 cms

Pattern for gauge is stocking stitch.

Requirements:

1 x 100gm skein of Tyddyn Bryn Rustic with alpaca Double Knit (100 grams = 225yards/205m) or Tyddyn Bryn Rustic DK, Or Tyddyn Bryn Hilltop DK (all with the same meterage/grams as above) One skein easily does a pair of UK size 7, more will be needed for a larger sock.



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Circular or double pointed needles in 3.75 mm or size to get gauge, if your colourwork is tight, please try going up a needle size or two to loosen it for those sections.

Abbreviations:

dpn(s) = Double pointed needles

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 sts together

N1 = needle 1

N2 = needle 2

N3 = needle 3

P = purl

P2tog = purl two stitches together

SSK = Slip, slip, knit: slip two stitches one by one as if to knit, then knit these two stitches together through the back loop

st(s) = stitches

Pattern:

Cast on 48 sts.

Join to work in the round without twisting the stitches.

Round 1: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end

Repeat round 1 until the ribbing measures 1.5 inches / 4 cms.

Knit every row until leg portion measures 5.5/6 inches

Heel Flap and Gusset:

This section is worked back and forth across a small section of the sock.

Row 1: K24, turn.

Row 2: Slip first stitch and P to end.

Row 3: Slip first stitch and K to end.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until the heel flap measures 2.5 inches / 6.5 cms, finishing after a K row.



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Heel turn:

Row 1: P13, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 2: K3, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 3: P4, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 4: K5, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 5: P6, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 6: K7, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 7: P8, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 8: K9, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 9: P10, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 10: K11, SSK, K1, turn.

14 heel stitches remain.

Gusset set up:

Using the needle that has the heel flap stitches on, pick up and K11 sts down the side of the flap (this becomes needle 1 (18 sts)), pm, rejoin the CC and work knitwise across the stitches at the top of the foot ensuring they all now sit on one needle (this becomes needle 2 (24 sts)) and pm, pick up and knit 11 sts down the second side of the heel flap and across 7 of the 14 heel stitches (this becomes needle 3 (18 sts)).

Gusset:

Round 1: N1: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1,

N2: K to end,

N3: K1, SSK, K to end.

Or in the case of a needle neutral pattern with added markers: K to 3 sts before marker, K2tog, k1, slm, K to next marker, K1, ssk, k to end.

Round 2: K.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until N1 and N3 have 12 sts each or until there are 12 sts each before the first and after the second marker.



Foot:

Continue to knit every round, until foot measures 2 inches / 5 cms short of the final measurement you desire, for example for a UK size 6 foot, EU 39, final measurement is 9.5 inches or 24 cms, so you would need to stop the patterning at 7.5 inches or 19cms.

Toes:

Knit 1 round.

Round 2: N1: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1,

N2: K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1,

N3: K1, SSK, K to end.

Or in the case of a needle neutral pattern, *K to 3 sts before first marker, K2tog, k2, ssk; repeat from * once, k to end.

Round 3: K.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until 20 sts remain.

Kitchener stitch the toes, block and weave in the ends, make a second sock the same way, block and enjoy wearing!

