

Quickset Socks

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I love complicated socks as much as the next knitter, but sometimes time is a little short and you want something that works up quickly, but is also holds your interest.

These socks are constructed toe-up and the lace pattern is easily memorised (as I discovered when I misplaced my handwritten chart half way through the first sock)

You'll finish these so fast you won't have time to get second sock syndrome.

I created this colourway specifically for my Mother-in-law who loves blues and I knew she'd love this shiny bamboo-blend yarn.

Size

Ladies Medium

Requirements

Yarn: The Thylacine Mawson Sock Yarn (400m/100g skein)

1 Skein in Quickset

Needle: 2.75mm

Hook: 3.25mm

Notions: Yarn Needle

Gauge: 28 sts and 36 rows = 10cm/4inches in stocking stitch

Notes

These socks are knitted from the toe up beginning with a provisional cast-on. Feel free to substitute your preferred toe-up toe and heel.

The instructions for the short rows may seem strange at first, but will make sense once you are actually doing it! Bringing the yarn forward or back before working the stitch makes a yarn-over pair, these are knitted together later to close any gaps.

Instructions:

Short-Row Toe

Using smooth waste yarn, crochet a chain 36 stitches long. With main yarn carefully pick up and knit 31 sts in back loops of chain.

Row 1: k to last stitch, turn.

Row 2: yb p1, p to last stitch, turn.

Row 3: yf k1, k to next yo pair, turn.

Row 4: yb p1, p to next yo pair, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 10 stitches remain between the yarn-over pairs.

To complete toe

Row 1: yf k1, k to next yo pair, k 1st stitch of pair, slip next yo p-wise and slip first stitch of next pair



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k-wise, return slipped stitches to left needle and k2togtbl, turn.
 Row 2: yb p1, p to next yo pair, p 1st stitch of pair, p2tog (*next yo and 1st stitch of next pair*), turn.
 Row 3: yf k1, k to next yo pair, k 1st stitch of pair, slip next 2 yos pwise and slip first stitch of next pair kwise, return slipped stitches to left needle and k3togtbl, turn.
 Row 4: yb p1, p to next yo pair, p 1st stitch of pair, p3tog (*next 2 yos and 1st stitch of next pair*), turn.
 Repeat rows 3 and 4 until the final k3togtbl, there will still be yarn-overs at the other end of the needle.
 Commence working in the round.
 Unzip provisional cast-on and pick up the remaining 30 live sts. K across picked up stitches m1.
 Next round: k3tog (*last two yarn-overs*), k around, 62 sts.

Instep

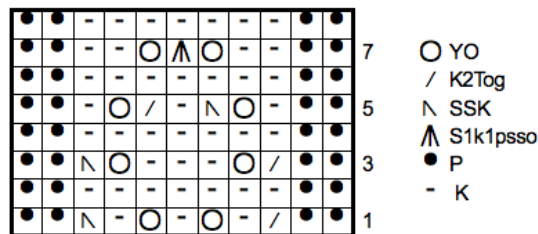
K10, then work row 1 of chart, k to end.
 Round 2: k10, work next row of chart, k to end
 Repeat round 2 until foot is 2 inches shorter than foot length required
 Next round: k10, work next row of chart, k10, work heel over next 31 sts

Heel

The short row heel is worked exactly as for the toe, beginning with Row 1. After working the final k3togtbl recommence working in the round as follows:
 Next round: k10, work next row of chart A, k10, k3tog (last two yarn-overs), k to end

Leg

Round 1 K10, then work next row of chart, k to end.
 Continue working this round until you next finish row 8 of the chart.
 Round 2[K10, then work row 1 of chart, k10] twice
 Repeat round 2 until leg measures 8 inches from bottom of heel
 Work k1p1 rib for 1 inch
 Cast off all stitches. Sewn cast off is recommended.



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