

Dead Simple Toe-Up Socks

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Designed from the toe up, these socks feature a garter toe and heel and rolled cuff. The garter adds a bit of cushion and as a bonus doesn't require the wraps from the short rows to be picked up. The rolled cuff finishes off these simple socks.

Materials & Equipment

- One skein Artful Ewe Sock Yarn
- 2.5mm needles (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Approximately 1.5 yards of a contrasting colour waste yarn
- 3.5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

- 36 stitches over four inches in stockingnet stitch in the round using 2.5mm needles

Sizes

- Adult medium (large)

Abbreviations

- **w&t** (wrap and turn): Slip the next stitch purlwise with the yarn in back to the right needle, then bring the yarn to the front, slip the stitch back to the left needle, and turn work.

Notes

- These socks may be knit with double pointed needles, two circulars, or with the Magic Loop method. The heel and toe are best worked on one needle, however.
- Because the socks lack ribbing at the top to keep them up you may want to knit them slightly snugger than usual. But don't worry; the cast off edge won't cut off your circulation.
- If you have larger feet and want a sock with a longer leg, you may need to purchase two skeins of yarn.

Instructions

Toe - With the crochet hook and waste yarn, chain 36 stitches. With the 2.5mm needle and project yarn, pick up and knit 30 (32) stitches in the back bumps of the of the crochet chain. Work the first half of the toe as described:

- Rows 1 & 2: Knit to last stitch, w&t
- Row 3: Knit to last unwrapped stitch, w&t

Repeat these rows until there are 10 (12) unwrapped stitches remaining in the middle and 10 wrapped stitches on each side of the toe.

- Rows 4 & 5: Knit to first wrapped stitch, w&t.
- Row 6 Knit to double-wrapped stitch, knit the double wrapped stitch allowing wraps to remain, w&t.

Repeat row 6 until one double-wrapped stitch remains on each side of the toe. Knit to the end of the row, 30 (32) will be on the needles.

Unzip the provisional cast-on, placing the stitches on empty needles. If you are short one stitch, don't be worried. Simply kf&b of the last stitch when you work your first round. Knit across the sole stitches, 60 (64) stitches total.

Foot – Working in stockingnet stitch, knitting ever round, until the stock measures roughly 1.75 inches shorter than the total length of the wearer's foot.

Heel – Knit across the 30 (32) instep stitches. Work the first half of the heel back and forth over the remaining 30 (32) stitches as follows:

- Rows 1 & 2: Knit to last stitch, w&t
- Row 3: Knit to last unwrapped stitch, w&t

Repeat these rows until there are 10 (12) unwrapped stitches remaining in the middle and 10 wrapped stitches on each side of the toe.

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Repeat row 6 until one double-wrapped stitch remains on each side of the toe. Knit to the end of the row, 30 (32) will be on the needles.

Leg – Begin working in the round again, working still in stockingnet stitch. Knit until leg measures 6” or desired length from the top of the heel. Bind off as follows:

- Set Up: knit two
- Step One: slip these stitches back to the left hand needle
- Step Two: k2tog (this would be the two stitches you just knit and moved back), knit 1

Repeat steps one and two until all stitches have been knit together and one stitch remains on the needle. Cut yarn and pull through loop.

Finishing – Using the darning needle weave in any loose ends. Wear with carefree abandon, we are knitters after all.

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