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Try Again by Sadie Slater



Men's socks with a pattern of rugby goalposts. Knit them in your team colours, or in browns and greens to look like a rugby pitch!

Size

Men's large. The pattern is very stretchy and the socks will comfortably stretch to accommodate feet 9" or more in circumference.

If you want to make them bigger than this you could add extra stitches to the pattern repeat or use a larger needle.

Gauge

32 stitches and 50 rows = 4 inches in stocking stitch

Materials

1 x 100g skein or 2 x 50g skeins of 4-ply/fingering weight yarn. (Be aware that if your yarn is less than 400m to 100g/200m to 50g you may need an extra skein – I used 390m for my sample pair.)

2.5mm needles for working in the round (the pattern is written for Magic Loop but could easily be adapted for two circulars or dpns if you prefer)

Darning needle for sewing in ends

Instructions for Judy's Magic Cast-on can be found at <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>

and instructions for Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off are at <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php>

Abbreviations

w&t – bring yarn forward between needles. Sl next stitch on left needle to right needle. Take yarn back between needles, then sl stitch back to left needle. When working wrapped stitches, insert the tip of the right-hand needle through the wrap, and then through the stitch, and draw the yarn through both together. The wrap should now be hidden on the wrong side of the work.

Pattern

Cast on 16 stitches using Judy's magic cast-on.

Knit one round.

R1: *Kfb, knit to last 2 stitches on needle, kfb, k1*. Repeat from * to *.

R2: K all stitches.

Repeat these two rounds until you have 72 stitches (36 on each needle).

Work pattern from Chart 1 across the first needle (instep stitches). K all stitches on second needle (sole stitches). To work out where to start the gusset increases, divide 30 (the number of gusset increase rows) by your row gauge over 4 inches, and multiply by 4 to get the number of inches the gusset will take up. To ensure a snugly-fitting sock, you may want to round this number up by half an inch or so and then start the gusset increases when the foot is this number of inches shorter than the desired foot length. (As an example, my row gauge was 50 stitches to 4 inches. 30 divided by 50 is 0.6 x 4 inches, or 2.4 inches; I rounded this up to 3 inches and started the gusset increases when the foot was 3 inches shorter than the length of the person I was making the socks for's foot.)

Increase for gusset

R1: Work in pattern across instep stitches. On second needle, kfb, knit to last 2 stitches, kfb, k1 (2 stitches increased).

R2: K all stitches.

Repeat these two rows 15 times. You should have 36 instep stitches and 66 sole stitches (102 stitches in total).

Work in pattern until the leg is about an inch shorter than desired length, ending with Row 1 or Row 9 of the chart.

Switch to 1x1 ribbing and work 12 rounds. Bind off using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off, or other stretchy bind-off. Weave in all ends.



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