

Sugar Cane Socks

In soft superwash merino for toasty toes!

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Adult size

Finished measurements

Circumference from heel around ankle: 10"

Foot length: Adjustable

Gauge

32 sts and 42 rows to 4"/10cm in stockinette stitch

Materials

- Hanalei Hand Dyed Superwash Merino 100 gr. 445yd/405 m; 1 skein (or any sock yarn)
- Size 2 US / 2.25mm set of double points or preferred needles for sock knitting.
- Tapestry needle
- Marker

Stitch Glossary

- Sts = stitches
- Rep = repeat
- Yo = yarn over needle
- K2tog = knit 2 sts together
- Ssk = slip the next 2 sts, one at a time to the right needle and then knit them tog with tip of left needle from left to right through the front.
- RT = Right twist; Insert needle into next 2 sts as if to k2tog, wrap yarn and bring through both sts, but do not take off needle; then knit first stitch in regular manner and drop both sts off needle.
- LT = Left twist; Insert needle behind second stitch on left needle; wrap yarn and bring through but do not take off needle; wrap yarn and bring through, but do not take off needle; then knit first stitch in regular manner and drop both sts off needle.

Directions for Kitchener stitch:

Holding needles parallel with wrong sides tog, insert tapestry needle **purlwise** into the first st on the front needle and pull the yarn through, then insert **knitwise** into the first st on the back needle and pull the yarn through. Now we're ready to repeat the following:

*Insert tapestry needle **knitwise** into the 1st stitch on front needle and slip off, insert **purlwise** into 2nd st on front needle and pull yarn through.

Insert tapestry needle **purlwise** into the 1st stitch on back needle and slip off, then insert **knitwise** into next stitch and pull yarn through.

Repeat from * until all sts have been grafted.

Socks (Make 2)

Cast on 64 sts. (If using double points, arrange 32 sts on needle #1, 16 sts on needle #2 and 16 sts on needle #3)

Place a marker and join into a round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Rounds 1 and 2: [K2, p2] around

Round 3: [RT, p2] around

Rounds 4 and 5: [K2, p2] around

Round 6: [LT, p2] around.

Repeat rounds 1-6 until cuff measures 8" or desired length (no more than 9", you might not have enough yarn) End having finished needle #3, ready to work across needle # 1 on 32 sts.

Heel

Working back and forth on needle #1 only, work the following rows.

Row 1:(RS) *[Slip 1 knitwise, k1] repeat from * across.

Row 2: Slip 1 purlwise; purl to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 (15) times more. Work row 1 once more.

(Hint: Count 16 slipped sts on edges of heel flap instead of counting rows.)

Turn heel:

Row 1: (WS) Purl 18, p2tog, p1, turn work (leaving the rest of the sts unworked)

Row 2: Sl 1, k5, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, k7, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, p8. p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, k9, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, p10. p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, k11, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 9: Sl 1, p12. p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, k13, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 11: Sl 1, p14. p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 12: Sl 1, k15, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 13: Sl 1, p16. p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 14: Sl 1, k16, k2tog. DO NOT TURN.

Pick up for Gusset:

With same needle, pick up and knit 16sts along selvedge of heel flap. With 2nd needle, knit 32 sts from instep. With 3rd needle, pick up and knit 16 sts from other side of heel, and with same needle, knit to center of next needle. Place a marker here and slip remaining sts to left needle (This will be the center back of the heel, cont. as follows:

Shape gusset:

Knit 1 round.

Next round: Knit to last 3 sts on first needle, then k2tog, k1. Knit across 32 sts of next needle. On 3rd needle; K1, ssk, knit to end.

Repeat these 2 rounds until there are 64 sts remaining. (Hang a pin type marker on this row for easier measuring later)

Foot:

Knit around until foot section (after gusset shaping) measures 4" (or 1¾" less than desired length of foot)

Shape toe:

Knit 1 round.

Next round: Knit to last 3 sts on first needle, then k2tog, k1. On next (instep) needle, K1, Ssk, knit to last 3 sts; k2tog, k1. On 3rd needle; K1, ssk, knit to end.

Repeat the last 2 rounds until there are 6 sts, 12 sts and 6 sts. Knit across to place 12 sts on 1 needle and 12 sts on 2nd needle.

Using the kitchener stitch, graft sts together.

Finishing

Weave in all ends, steam lightly or block according to directions on ball band. Great job!

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