

cozy armchair socks

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For me, handknitted socks are almost like lingerie. No one may know you're wearing them, but they make you feel special. The striped socks shown here are made with an angora-blend yarn and are so soft that they are perfect to wear while you cuddle up in a cozy armchair with a good book. The stripes on the heel, which is knit after the rest of the sock has been completed, come together in an eye-catching bull's eye-like pattern. The "solid" version on page 115, made from a yarn with different-colored plies, is slightly more conservative. The pattern includes men's and women's sizing.

Review notes on page 114 before beginning to knit.

Striped Devotion Socks

Using larger needles and dark plum, CO 36 (40, 44) sts and divide evenly over four needles. Join for working in the rnd (round), being careful not to twist, and pm (place marker) for beginning of rnd. Knit 1 rnd dark plum. Working according to stripe sequence given in Notes, work in St st until piece measures 5½ (6, 6½)" from beginning, or desired length to anklebone, and end having just completed a 2-rnd stripe. On the next rnd, work heel sts in waste yarn as follows: With contrasting waste yarn, knit 18 (20, 22) sts, drop the waste yarn, slide sts to beginning of needle where you started, and knit these sts again with main yarn, knit to end.

Finished Sizes

To fit US shoe sizes women's 7½ – 8½ (women's 9½ – men's 8½, men's 10½ – 12); approximately 8 (8¾, 9¾)" foot circumference, and 9½ (10¼, 11)" foot length.

Yarn

Reynolds Devotion (50% angora, 50% nylon; 93 yards/ 50 grams): 1 ball each of 3 colors. Shown in #612 grape, #346 magenta, and #211 dark plum in size women's S/M.

Artful Yarns Jazz (50% alpaca, 50% wool; 246 yards / 150 grams): 1 ball. Shown in #58 Charlie in size men's M/L.

Needles

One set of five double-pointed needles (dpn) in size US 6 (4 mm).

One set of five dpn size US 7 (4.5 mm). Change needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Yarn needle, stitch marker, 2 yards of contrasting waste yarn.

Gauge

Using larger dpn, 18 sts and 24 rounds = 4" in Stockinette stitch (St st) in the round.

Work even until piece measures 6½ (6¾, 7)" from waste yarn heel sts, or 3 (3½, 4)" less than desired length, and end having just completed a 2-rnd stripe (the toe and heel will each add 1½, 1¾, 2)" to the sock length).



notes

- **Stripe Sequence (Devotion Socks):** Work the indicated number of rnds (rounds) in the color given: 2 grape, 2 magenta, 2 grape, 2 dark plum, 2 magenta, 2 dark plum. Repeat these 12 rnds for stripe pattern.
- **Ssk (slip, slip, knit):** Slip next 2 sts to right-hand needle one at a time as if to knit, pass them back to left-hand needle one at a time in their new orientation, and knit them together through the back of their loops.
- **Kitchener Stitch:** On a yarn needle, thread a length of yarn approximately 4 times the length of the section to be joined. Hold needles with sts to be grafted with purl sides of work together. Working from right to left, *insert yarn needle in first stitch on front needle as if to knit, pull yarn through, remove st from needle. Insert yarn needle into next st on front needle as if to purl, pull yarn through, leave st on needle. Insert yarn needle into first st on back needle as if to purl, pull yarn through, remove st from needle. Insert yarn needle into next st on back needle as if to knit, pull yarn through, leave st on needle. Repeat from * until 1 st remains on each needle. Cut yarn and pass through the last 2 sts to fasten off.

Central to the appeal
of knitting is that it wakes
like a meditation.
Everything becomes quiet,
still, and peaceful,
and all the turmoil of life
seems to succumb
to the silent rhythm of the
needles and the orderly
progression of the stitches.

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SHAPE TOE
Beginning with the next color called for in the 2-rnd stripe sequence, stop working 2-rnd stripes, and instead work 1-rnd stripes in the following order: dark plum, magenta, grape. Decrease Rnd: On first needle, ssk (see Notes), work to end; on second needle, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; on third needle ssk, work to end; on fourth needle, work to last 2 sts, k2tog—32 (36, 40) sts. Work 1 rnd even. Repeat the last 2 rnds 3 (4, 5) more times—20 sts. Knit 1 rnd. Slip sts from second needle onto first needle, and slip sts from fourth needle onto third needle—10 sts each on 2 needles. With the next color in the 1-rnd stripe order, use

Kitchener stitch (see Notes) to graft remaining sts together.

HEEL
Carefully remove waste yarn and place sts from top and bottom of heel opening on 2 needles—36 (40, 44) sts. Using the color that doesn't match the stripes on either side of the heel opening, join yarn to one corner and work across all sts, picking up 1 extra st in each corner to close gaps—38 (42, 46) sts. Rearrange sts on four needles as follows: 9 (10, 11) sts on first and third needles, and 10 (11, 12) sts on second and fourth needles. Working 1-rnd stripes and decreases every other rnd as for toe, work until 4 (5, 6) decrease rnds have been completed—22 sts. Slip sts from second needle onto first needle, and slip sts from fourth needle onto third needle—11 sts each on 2 needles. With the next color in the 1-rnd stripe order, use Kitchener stitch to graft remaining sts together. Weave in ends. Make second sock same as first.

Solid Jazz Socks

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Using smaller needles CO 36 (40, 44) sts and divide evenly over four needles. Join for working in the rnd (round), being careful not to twist, and pm (place marker) for beginning of rnd. Next rnd: *K2, p2; repeat from * to end. Work 5 more rnds in k2, p2 rib as established. Change to larger needles and work in St st until piece measures 5½ (6, 6½)" from beginning, or desired length to anklebone. On the next rnd, work heel sts in waste yarn as follows: With

contrasting waste yarn, knit 18 (20, 22) sts, drop the waste yarn, slide sts to beginning of needle where you started, and knit these sts again with main yarn, knit to end. Work even until piece measures 6½ (6¾, 7)" from waste yarn for heel, or 3 (3½, 4)" less than desired length (the toe and heel will each add 1½, 1¾, 2)" to the finished sock length).

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Decrease Rnd: On first needle, ssk (see Notes), work to end; on second needle, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; on third needle ssk, work to end; on fourth needle, work to last 2 sts, k2tog—32 (36, 40) sts. Work 1 rnd even. Repeat the last 2 rnds 3 (4, 5) more times—20 sts. Knit 1 rnd. Slip sts from second needle onto first needle, and slip sts from fourth needle onto third needle—10 sts each on 2 needles. Use Kitchener stitch (see Notes) to graft remaining sts together.

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