

ZÜRICH SOCKS

I really do fancy ankle socks, partly because I think it looks pretty and partly because I often find it tedious to knit the leg part.

These ankle socks are knitted top down in Broken seed stitch (also called Exploded seed stitch) with a picot edge. The name of the socks simply comes from that I knitted these on the flight to my brother in Zürich.

Gauge: 26 sts and 30 rounds = 10 cm in stockinette sts

Size: about 38

Yarn suggestion: Plassard Tweed (MC 50g, CC 50 g),
50 g = 125 m (worsted)

Needle: 3 dpn (or size to obtain gauge)



CAST ON & CUFF

Cast on 56 sts in MC, join for working in rounds. Be careful not to twist and divide sts onto 4 needles (14 sts on each needle).

Knit 4 rounds

[yo, k2tog] around

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On the next round, knit each stitch on the needle together with one stitch from the cast on edge, to avoid having to sew the edges afterwards

Knit 1 more round in MC.

ANKEL (LEG)

With CC begin Broken Seed Stitch/Exploded Seed Stitch:

Round 1 (CC): k1, p1

Round 2 (MC): knit

Round 3 (CC): p1, k1

Round 4 (MC): knit

Continue in pattern for 3 cm (6 rounds in CC), end with a CC-round.

HEEL FLAP

The heel flap is knitted back and forth on the first 28 stitches in MC.

Row 1 (RS): [sl1 (as if to purl), k1] all row

Row 2 (WS): sl1 (as if to purl), purl until end of row

Repeat these two rows 12 times, end with row 2.

Next row: Sl 1, k16, ssk, k1, turn

Next row: Sl 1, purl 7, p2tog, p1, turn

Next row: Sl1, knit until 1 st before gap, ssk, k1, turn

Next row: Sl1, purl until 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn

Repeat these 2 last rows until all sts have been worked, 18 sts remaining.

GUSSET & FOOT

In next round, place marker (to mark beginning of round) knit 18 sts in MC, pick up and knit 13 sts along heel flap, pick up 1 more between the heel flap and the front panel and knit the last two sts tog. Knit front panel according to pattern (broken seed sts). Pick up 1 st between front panel and heel side and 1 st along heel flap, knit those last two sts together with ssk. Pick up 13 sts along heel flap. In total 72 sts.

Round 1 (MC): knit until 2 sts remains before front panel, k2tog, continue in pattern over front panel, ssk, knit remaining sts on the round.

Round 2 (CC): knit until front panel, continue pattern over front panel, knit until end of round.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 56 sts remain.

Continue rounds 1 and 2, but without decreases, until foot measures 5 cm less than desired length. Begin toe.

TOE

Divide stitches evenly, half for sole and half for instep (28 sts each). Begin decreases in MC.

Round 1: knit across sole to 3 sts before beginning of instep stitches, k2tog, k1. Begin instep stitches with k1, ssk, knit across to 3 sts before sole stitches, k2tog, k1. Begin sole stitches with k1, ssk, knit to end of round.

Round 2: knit

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 20 sts remain. Graft these stitches together to close toe.

Just one more to go!

Please let me know if you have any questions!

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ABBREVIATIONS

CC = contrast colour

dpn = double pointed needles

k2tog = knit two sts together

MC = main colour

p2tog = purl two sts together

RS = right side

sl = slip

ssk = slip knitwise, slip knitwise, knit slipped sts together through the back loops

st/sts = stitch/stitches

WS = wrong side

yo = yarn over