

Felted Latte Sock



I love my coffee, and I wanted to find a more environmentally conscious and pretty way to enjoy my coffee and avoid burning my fingers by replacing the disposable cardboard hot coffee jacket with a reusable knitted one. Thus was born the Felted Latte Sock, knitted in beautiful Noro Kureyon and then felted. It's just big enough to capture about 3 of Kureyon's famous, wonderful color changes. It's simple enough to be a perfect first project knit in the round, first project on double-pointed needles or first felted project! It's quick, it's loads of fun, and one ball of Kureyon yields several of them, each one different!

Yarn:

Less than half of 1 ball Noro Kureyon (worsted weight, 50 g, 109 yards)

Size 8 double pointed needles, or the size needed to obtain gauge

Notions:

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Row counter

Gauge: 4 sts x 5.5 rows = 1 inch in Stockinette stitch

Pattern

- ❖ co 36 sts onto three needles and join in round
- ❖ knit two rows
- ❖ At the 3rd row, k1,KFB, k to the middle of the second needle (which will be the middle of the 36 cast-on stitches, about stitch 18 or 19), KFB, k to end. This will from this point onward be referred to as an increase round.
- ❖ K rows 4 and 5
- ❖ Row 6: increase round (k1, KFB, k to the middle of the second needle, KFB, k to end).
- ❖ K rows 7 and 8.
- ❖ Row 9: increase round.
- ❖ K rows 10, 11, 12, 13.
- ❖ Row 14: increase round.
- ❖ K rows 15, 16, 17.
- ❖ Row 18: increase round. There are now a total of 48 stitches on the needles.
- ❖ K rows 19 and 20.
- ❖ Bind off and weave in ends. Finished size should be a little over 3 inches tall.

To felt it, place it in a zippered pillowcase and put it in the washer on hot with a few towels. I find that if I put mine in with a few towels on my washer's "heavy duty" cycle, it felts them perfectly on one cycle. Each washer washes differently and different colorways of the same yarn can felt at different rates, so be sure to stop the washer periodically and check your Latte Sock's felting progress.

Once it's done felting, take it out of the washer promptly and block it, preferably on a paper coffee cup or similarly-shaped object (some of my kids' sippy cups are just the right size, for instance).

Abbreviation legend:

All of the abbreviations used in this pattern are standard knitting abbreviations, but for your convenience, here is a legend:

co – cast on

K – knit

KFB – “knit front and back,” also known as a “bar increase,” because of the little horizontal bar it creates. In this increase, you knit into the front and back of the same stitch to create two stitches where there was one.

