



Mindless Knits

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Sizes:

In US shoe sizes, Women's 6-8 (Womens 9-12/Men's 8-10, Men's 11-14)

Supplies:

- US size 1 needles, or the size needed to obtain gauge.
- 250 (340, 410) yards of Fingering Weight Yarn

Gauge:

This sock was designed to a gauge of 32 stitches to 50 rows of a washed 4" swatch.



This pattern does call for a relatively close match of gauge in order for the foot colors to line up correctly. There is some “wobble” room in the toe color, so if you find that you cannot match gauge exactly, the yarn may still work within reason.

I do not recommend using this yarn to make two at a time socks unless you are a very experienced knitter and can manage rearranging stitches when the time comes to turn the heels.

Abbreviations:

K: knit stitch

P: purl stitch

CO: Cast on using preferred method

K2tog: “knit two together” decrease

SSK: “slip, slip, knit” decrease

Directions:

Using size 1 needles, and starting from the end of the yarn marked with a button, bead, or other bauble, CO 56 (64, 72) stitches. Join in the round. Markers are not required at this point.

Knit in K2, P2 ribbing for the first color (roughly one inch.) Then knit in stockinette (K all stitches) for the length desired for the leg.

When the next color begins, knit in stockinette until the yarn gives the very first hint of beginning the heel color. This is now your beginning of round. The next 28 (32, 46) stitches will be your heel, so rearrange your stitches accordingly. (place this half over the next two dpns—or half of your magic loop—whatever technique for working in the round you're using.)

Turning the heel:

K 27 (31, 35) stitches, wrap the next stitch and turn (wrap from the purl side to the knit side).

P 26 (30, 34) stitches, wrap the next stitch and turn (Now the other way—still wrapping from the purl side to the knit side).

K to one stitch before previously wrapped stitch, wrap it and turn.

P to one stitch before previously wrapped stitch, wrap it and turn.

Continue in this manner until a little over half of the stitches have been wrapped (14, 16, 18) stitches remain unwrapped in the center.

K to first wrapped stitch. Pick up and knit wrap together with this stitch. Wrap next stitch for a second wrap and turn.

P to first wrapped stitch. Pick up and purl wrapped stitch together with this stitch. (Here's a trick for a really pretty turn—flip the work over to pick up the wraps. Place the wraps onto your working needle and flip your work back over to purl the stitch with the two wraps together. The wraps “disappear!”)

Continue in this manner until all the stitches have been picked up again. The last two wraps you'll pick up when you do your next round.

Please note, you should have run out of “heel color” a row or two before finishing the heel. If you have not, I would recommend pulling back and adding another decrease in your wrap and turns for the best-looking finished product.

Continue on knitting in the round in stockinette until you reach 2 inches less than the desired length of foot. This will be approximately 8 (9, 10) inches from the heel.



Decrease for the toe:

At some point in the past few rounds, the yarn color will again change to the color of the cuff and heel. Do not change your beginning of round this time.

Decrease round: K1, SSK, K 22 (26, 30) K2tog, K1. Repeat for other half of stitches.

Repeat decrease row every other row until total number of stitches is 28 (32, 36). Kitchener the toe closed.

Weave in your **two** ends!