

STILETTO

Ladies Basic Socks



MATERIALS: 1-100g ball of Stiletto, double point needles US 2.

GAUGE: 7½ stitches = 1 inch.

SIZE: Ladies small (large).

CUFF:

With one needle, cast on 56 (60) sts. Divide evenly onto 3 needles. Being careful not to twist the sts, join and work in K2- P2 ribbing for 5.5". Knit 3 rounds. **DIVIDE FOR**

HEEL:

Transfer sts around so that there are 28 (30) sts on the first needle, and 14 (15) sts on each of the other two needles. Work back and forth across the first needle ONLY as follows:

Row 1: (Slip 1, K1), repeat across.

Row 2: Slip the first st, PURL ACROSS ALL THE REMAINING STs. Repeat these 2 rows for 28 (30) rows total, then work row 1 once more.

TURN HEEL:

Row 1: Purl 17 sts, p2tog, p1, TURN.

Row 2: Slip 1, k5, k2tog, k1, TURN.

Row 3: Slip 1, purl to 1 st before the last turn (you'll see a small gap where the last turn was), p2tog, p1, TURN.

Row 4: Slip 1, knit to 1 st before the last turn, k2tog, k1, TURN.

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Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all sts at the ends are used up, ending with a knit row. There will be 16 (18) sts left.

GUSSET:

Continuing to work on the same needle, pick up and knit 15 (16) sts along the side of the heel (needle 1). Using a new needle, knit across the sts on the next 2 needles (needle 2). Using a new needle, pick up and knit 15 (16) sts along the other side of the heel, and continue knitting to the center of the heel sts [8 (9) sts] (needle 3). There should now be 23 (25) sts on needles 1 & 3, and 28 (30) sts on needle 2. The center of the heel is the beginning of the round; needle 2 contains the instep sts. Begin decreasing as follows:

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: Knit to within 3 sts of the end of the first needle, k2tog, k1. Work across second needle. On third needle, k1, SSK, knit to end.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 15 sts left on both needles 1 & 3. Needle 2 will remain at 28 (30) sts since no decreases take place there. You will now be back to the original 56 (60) sts. Begin to work even again, keeping needle 2 as established, until length from back of heel is 6", **OR** 2" less than desired length of finished sock. At this point you can slip the sock on to see the length. Only the toenails should stick out.

TOE SHAPING: Rearrange the sts on the needles, if necessary, so that there are now 14 (15) sts on each of needles 1 & 3, and 28 (30) sts on needle 2. The beginning of the round is still at the center back of heel. Begin decreasing as follows:

Round 1: On needle 1: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On needle 2: K1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. On needle 3: K1, SSK, knit to end (center of heel).

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 24 sts left [6 sts on needles 1 & 3, and 12 sts on needle 2].

KITCHNER STITCH: Continuing to knit with needle 3, knit to the end of needle 1. There are now only 2 needles in use: 12 sts on each. Cut the yarn, leaving 18". Thread it onto a blunt needle. Hold the 2 needles parallel, you will now have a front needle and a back needle. Always keep the yarn beneath the needle as you work.

Step 1: Go into the first st on the front needle as if to knit, pull the st off the needle.

Step 2: Go into the second st on the front needle as if to purl, leave st on the needle.

Step 3: Go into the first st on the back needle as if to purl, pull the st off of the needle.

Step 4: Go into the second st on the back needle as if to knit, leave the st on the needle.

Now you have 4 new sts to work with. Repeat steps 1 - 4 until all sts are woven. Anchor on inside, weave in ends.

Make a second sock; counting rows to make sure it is the same length.

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