Hygge - extra cosy handknit socks

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This pattern came about because I was asked to teach a couple of my husbands friends to knit socks over a weekend. I wanted to be sure that we would be able to get through the whole process, so I decided that thick socks that could be worked on 4 mm needles were the way to go, as this would make them a fairly quick knit. The resulting socks are super useful both for wearing around the house instead of slippers and as an extra layer of cosiness in your wellies.

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60 (75) 90 (100) 115 (130) 150 g of Arwetta Classic by Filcolana in your favorite color

- the socks in the photos are color 251 (Electric Yellow) and 265 (Azul)

4 mm Double pointed needle

Sizes (European shoe sizes)

27-29 (30-32) 33-35 (36-38) 39-41 (42-44) 45-47

Gauge

20 sts and 32 rows in stockinette stitch on 4 mm needles = 10×10 cm med dobbelt garn.

Special Abbreviations

skp: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.

Directions for Knitting

Knitter have different preferences when it comes to knitting with double-pointed needles - som prefer to use 4 and some to use 5 needles. I prefer to have my stitches distributed between only 3 needles, except for when I turn the heel. Then I find it easier to distri-









bute the stitches evenly on 4 needles. The pattern is written in a way that makes it simple for you to use the number of needles you find easiest.

The socks are worked from the top down, so you start at the cuff and et at the toe. The yarn is held double throughout.

Since the pattern is written for quite a few sizes, I recommend marking the number for the your size with a marker.

Leg

Cast on 32 (36) 40 (40) 44 (48) 52 sts (with two strand of yarn) and distribute them between the double-pointed needles. Join in the round and work 40 (42) 44 (46) 50 (54) 58 rounds of k2, p2 ribbing.

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Heel

Distribute the stitches between the double-pointed needles in the following way: 5 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 13 sts on the 1st needle, 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13 sts on the 2nd needle, 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13 sts on the 3rd needle and 11 (9) 11 (11) 13 (15) 13 sts on the 4th needle

Now work the heel flap by working back and forth across half of the sts (the sts on the 1st and 4th needle): Knit 5 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 13, turn, k1, purl 14 (16) 18 (18) 20 (22) 24, k1, turn, knit 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13. Move the last 3 (0) 1 (1) 2 (3) 0 sts to the 1st needle (the left needle). Knit 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13, turn, k1, purl 14 (16) 18 (18) 20 (22) 24, k1, turn, knit 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13. Repeat this another 3 (4) 5 (5) 6 (7) 8 times, so you have 10 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) 20 rows in the heel flap.

Knit 2 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4, turn, slip 1 purl-wise, purl 3 (5) 5 (5) 7 (7) 7, turn, slip 1 knit-wise, knit 2 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4. You now have 4 (6) 6 (6) 8 (8) 8 "active" sts.

Turning the heel: Knit 3 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5, turn, slip 1 purl-wise, purl 5 (7) 7 (7) 9 (9) 9, turn, slip 1 knit-wise, knit 3 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5. You now have 6 (8) 8 (8) 10 (10) 10 "active" sts. Continue in this way, working 1 more stitch at either end, until you have 10 (12) 12 (14) 14 (16) 16 "active" sts.

Knit 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 sts, k2tog through the back loops, turn, slip 1 purl-wise, purl 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 (14) 14, p2tog, turn, slip 1 knit-wise, knit 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 r. Continue in this way until all of the sts of the heel flap have been worked.

Foot

The next step is to prepare for working in the round across all of the sts once more:

Round 1: Knit 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 across the 1st needle, then pick up and knit 5 (6) 7 (7) 8 (9) 10 sts along the side of the heel flap (with the garter edge stitch) - pick up 1 stitch for each garter "knot" (there are now 10 (12) 13 (14) 15 (17) 18 sts on the 1st needle). Work in ribbing across the 2nd and 3rd needle. On the 4th needle, pick up and knit 5 (6) 7 (7) 8 (9) 10 sts along the other side of the heel flap, then knit across the 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 sts (there are now 10 (12) 13 (14) 15 (17) 18 sts on the needle).

Round 2: On the 1st needle, knit to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Work in ribbing across the 2nd and 3rd needle (if you wish, you can gather the sts from the 2nd and 3rd needle onto 1 needle, if you prefer 3 needles). On the 4th needle, work k1, skp, knit to end of needle.

Round 3: In the 1st needle, knit all sts. Work in ribbing across the 2nd and 3rd needle. On the 4th needle, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, k2tog though the back loops.

Continue to work decreases (the same way as on Round 2) every 3rd row until you once again have 32 (36) 40 (40) 44 (48) 52 sts on the needle (= 8 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13 sts on each needle).

Work a total of 28 (32) 36 (40) 44 (46) 50 round, counted from the heel flap.

Decreases for the Toe

Round A: 1st needle: Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, k2tog, k1. 2nd needle: k1, skp, knit to end of needle. 3rd needle: Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, skp, k1. 4th needle: k1, k2tog, knit to end of needle.

Round B: Knit around.

Repeat Round A and B until there are 16 (20) 20 (20) 24 (24) 24 sts left. (end on Round A).

Bind off: Knit the sts on the 1st needle, so the working yarn is at one side. Sew the sts from the top and "sole" of sock together using Kitchener stitch. Work a second sock in the same way. Weave in all ends on both socks.

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