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Faux Socks

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What to do when all you want is a pair of ruffle socks to go with your new sneakers, but you know you'll get overheated wearing woollen socks? Especially in the summer. Then you can knit a pair of Faux Socks.

Faux socks are stylish wether you wear them in your sneakers, lowcut boots or ballerina slippers.

SIZES

Ankle circumference (measure taken just above ankle bone): Approx. 23 (24) 25 cm

GAUGE

 $32 \operatorname{sts} x 42 \operatorname{rounds}$ in stockinette on $3 \operatorname{mm}$ needle = $10 \times 10 \operatorname{cm}$.

Needle size is for guidance only.

If you have more stitches on $10\,\mathrm{cm}$, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer stitches on $10\,\mathrm{cm}$, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS Yarn from Filcolana

Approximately 20 g Arwetta

Doublepointed or circular needles 3 mm, 80-100 cm. (Dp needles can be omitted, if using magic loop technique on long circular needle)



Technique

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

A sort of improved ssk

Place right needle in the first st as if to knit it, don't slip st of needle. In the same workflow put needle through back of loop on second st, pull yarn through both stitches.

Workflow

Faux Socks are worked topdown.

First you work a ruffle, worked back and forth on circular needle.

Then round is joined and last round of decreasing sts is made.

After working stockinette sts to desired height of leg, the work is divided and each side is worked separately, ending with a strap worked in doubleknitting.

Straps are joined with kitchener stitches.





Pattern

RUFFLE

Cast on 224 (240) 256 sts on 3 mm circular needle and work back and forth on needle.

Knit 1 row.

Next row (WS): *Work 2 sts together, using the "a sort of improved ssk (see Special techniques)*, repeat from * to* = 112 (120) 128 sts on needle.

Do not turn work, but join in the round. From here you work in rounds, either on dp needles or circular needles using magic loop technique.

Next round: *Work 2 sts together, using the "a sort of improved ssk*, repeat from * to * = 56 (60) 64 sts.



LEG

Continue in stockinette stitch, until work measures 5 cm, measured under the ruffle, or to desired length.

TIP: To evaluate length, you can try this half sock on, in order to get correct height to fit the shoe.

The length is measured from the point where the foot and the leg meet, approximately 1 cm out on the foot bridge.

Next round: Knit to last 3 (4) 4 sts.

Next round: Cast off next 6 (8) 8 sts, knit to end of round.

Work is now divided at center front, from here you work back and forth on needle.

Next row (WS): K1, purl to last st, k1.

Next row: K1, work 2 sts together, using the "a sort of improved ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows once more, last row is a right side row.

Now divide work at center back and work each side separately, as follows:

Next row (WS): K1, purl 19 (19) 21 sts, cast off next 6 (8) 8 sts, purl to last st, k1.

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Next row: work 2 sts together using the "a sort of improved ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next row: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Repeat last 2 rows to 8 sts remains on needle, last row is a wrong side row.

STRAP

Work strap in doubleknitting as follows: **Next row (RS):** *K1, slip 1 st purlwise (with yarn in front), repeat from * to *, to end of row.

Repeat this row, to strap measures 3,5 cm (if you have very narrow feet, work to strap is 3 cm), last row is a wrong side row.

Next row (RS): *Work 2 sts together using "a sort of improved ssk*, repeat from * to * to end of row = 4 sts.

Break yarn, leaving an 20 cm end.

Join yarn to right side of resting sts and work from #.

Sew strap sts together using kitchener sts.

Knit one more Faux Sock.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.