



Violet Green's Socks

Glossary

S2K2 = Slip 2 stitches knitwise from the left needle onto the right needle, then knit 2 together on the right needle.

Slip1=Slip stitch from left to right needle without knitting it.

Sizes Toddler (Small Child, Large Child/Small Adult, Medium Adult, Large Adult, Extra Large Adult).

Materials 4ply weight sock yarn; 100g will knit a large pair of socks, 50g is enough for a child's pair of socks.; 2.5mm double pointed needles.

Tension approximately 32 stitches per 10cm

Start:

Cast on 36 (44, 52, 60, 68, 76) stitches, and arrange them over 3 double pointed 2.5mm needles. Place a marker between the first and last stitch in the round.

Working in the round, knit 8 (10, 12, 14, 14, 14) rows of knit 1 purl 1 rib.

Continuing in stocking stitch (knit all rounds), knit 36 (44, 52, 60, 68, 76) rounds, or continue until the cuff of the sock is as long as you want it to be, stopping at the marker, which you can now remove.

Then turn. You will knit the heel flap back and forth, not in the round. If you want to knit the heel in a different colour wool, change to that wool now.

Knit the heel flap:

(note : the heel flap is knit in a denser stitch to make it more hard wearing)

1. Slip 1, purl 17 (21, 25, 29, 33, 37) then turn;
2. (Slip 1, Knit 1) 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times, then turn;

Repeat steps 1 and 2 for 8 (10,12, 14, 16, 18) more times, until this heel flap has 18 (22, 26, 30, 34, 38) rows.

Shape the heel:

Continuing on the heel flap,

- Slip 1, purl 10 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20) purl 2 together, purl 1, then turn;
- Slip 1, knit 5, S2K2, knit 1, then turn;
- Slip 1, purl 6, purl 2 together, purl 1, then turn;
- Slip 1, knit 7, S2K2, knit 1, then turn;

Continue in this way, i.e. alternating purl and knit rows, and knitting/purling an additional stitch each time, until you have picked up all the stitches from the heel flap. For some sizes you will find that on the last two rows you don't have enough stitches left to do the knit1/purl1 at the end, and this is fine. You should end with a knitwise row.

You should now have 12 (14, 16, 18, 20, 22) stitches left on the heel flap. If you decided to knit the heel in a different colour, you should switch back to the original wool now.

Shape the heel gusset:

Pick up 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) stitches knitwise down side 1 of the heel flap. Place a marker. Knit across the 18 (22, 26, 30, 34, 38) stitches from the cuff. Place a marker, then pick up 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) stitches knitwise up side 2 of the heel flap.

You should have 48 (58, 68, 78, 88, 98) stitches. Now continue with the following 2 rounds, until 36 (44, 52, 60, 68, 76) stitches remain:

1. Knit up to 3 stitches away from the first marker; Knit 2 together, then Knit 1. Slip the first marker, then Knit across until you reach the second marker. Slip the second marker; Knit 1, S2K2, then knit to the end of the round.
2. Knit a round.

When 36 (44, 52, 60, 68, 76) stitches remain, continue without decreasing until the sock is the required length, bearing in mind that the toe you will knit will be about 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6) cm deep.

Shape the toe:

You will shape the toe by decreasing at both sides of each marker. If you want to knit the toe in a different colour wool, switch to that wool now.

1. Knit up to 3 stitches away from the first marker, then Knit 2 together, then Knit 1. Slip the first marker, then Knit 1, then S2K2. Knit up to 3 stitches away from the second marker, then Knit 2 together, then Knit 1. Slip the second marker, then Knit 1, then S2K2. Knit to the end of the round.
2. Knit a round.

Repeat these 2 rows until 12 (16, 20, 24, 28, 32) stitches remain. Arrange these stitches into 2 sets of 6 (8, 10, 12, 14, 16) so that they will lie flat, with the toe decreases positioned at each end of each needle, then graft the stitches together (see below for how to graft).

Knit another sock the same. **Ready to wear!**

Grafting:

Put the sewing needle in the first stitch of the front knitting needle purlways and pull the yarn all the way through. Do not drop the stitch off the knitting needle.

Next put the sewing needle into the first stitch of the back knitting needle knitways and pull all the way through. Again, do not drop the stitch off the knitting needle.

Now:

1. Put the sewing needle into the first stitch of the front knitting needle knitways and pull the yarn all the way through. Drop the stitch off the knitting needle.
2. Put the sewing needle purlways into the next stitch on the front knitting needle and pull through. Do not drop the stitch off the knitting needle.
3. Put the sewing needle purlways into the first stitch on the back knitting needle and pull through. Drop the stitch off the knitting needle.
4. Put the sewing needle into the next stitch on the back knitting needle knitways and pull through. Do not drop the stitch off the knitting needle.

Keeping working through these 4 steps until you have grafted together all the stitches, then break the thread and fasten it off on the inside of the sock.