

Jules



The faded jeans effect of the hand dyed yarn, together with a slouchy slip-stitch pattern make these unisex socks the perfect attire for when you're putting your feet up and watching your favourite film.

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Finished Measurements:

UK Woman's 4-7 (UK Men's 10-12)
 Foot length 24(28)cm/9½(11) inches,
 leg circumference 17.5(20)cm/7(8)
 inches, with negative ease of up to
 5cm/2 inches.

Materials:

- ❖ 100(125)g Middleearthknitter Yarns Superwash Merino (100% merino wool, 360m/100g) in colour: Vintage Denim. This yarn is now discontinued. Substitute with a 4ply/fingering weight yarn with a similar meterage.
- ❖ Set of 5 x 2.25mm/US 1 dpns or size needed to obtain correct tension
- ❖ Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- ❖ Stitch marker (optional, to mark beginning of round)

Tension:

34sts = 10cm/4 inches worked in
 stocking stitch

Abbreviations:

k	= knit
p	= purl
sl	= slip
ssk	= slip, slip, knit: slip next two stitches knitwise separately, insert left-hand needle into the front of the stitches and knit together through the back of the stitches
k2tog	= knit two stitches together
st(s)	= stitch(es)

Note:

All slipped sts in the stitch pattern are slipped purlwise with the yarn at the back of the work.

Directions:

Cast on 60(68)sts over two needles held parallel. Arrange sts evenly over 4 dpns, 15(17)sts on each.

Work slip-stitch ribbing as follows:

Row 1: *k1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Row 2: *sl1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Alternatively, for a stretchier ribbing, work row 1 of pattern only throughout. Repeat ribbing for a total of 25 rounds, thus ending after round 1.

Now begin slip-stitch pattern as follows:

Round 1: *sl1, k3, rep from * to end of round

Round 2: k all sts

Round 3: *sl1, k3, rep from * to end of round

Round 4: k all sts

Round 5: *sl1, k3, rep from * to end of round

Round 6: *k1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Round 7: *sl1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Round 8: k all sts

Round 9: *sl1, k3, rep from * to end of round

Round 10: k all sts

Round 11: *sl1, k3, rep from * to end of round

Round 12: k all sts

Round 13: *sl1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Round 14: *k1, p3, rep from * to end of round

Work slip-stitch pattern for a total of 6(7) times, or until sock cuff is required length, making a note of which pattern round you end with.

Heel flap:

Slip last st on needle 2 onto needle 3.
Slip 16(18)sts now on needles 3 onto needle 4. These 31(35)sts form heel flap. Leave remaining 29(33)sts on needles 1 and 2 to be worked for instep later.

Working on heel flap sts only:

Row 1: sl1, p to end

Row 2: sl1, k2, sl1, *k3, sl1, rep from * to last 3 sts, k3

Repeat these two rows for a total of 30(34) rows.

Heel turn:

Row 1: sl1, p16(18), p2tog, p1, turn

Row 2: sl1, k4, ssk, k1, turn

Row 3: sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 4: sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn

Continue shaping heel flap in this manner until 17(19)sts remain, ending at the end of a knit row, ready to pick up sts up side of heel flap. Note that the last two rows will not have an additional st after p2tog/ssk.

Foot:

With needle 1, pick up 15(17)sts along heel flap, plus 2 additional sts at the corner. With needles 2 and 3, work 29(33) instep sts, beginning with next round of pattern as set. With needle 4, pick up 2sts in the corner of the heel flap and 15(17)sts along edge. Knit 9(10)sts from heel flap needle onto needle 4 and slip remaining 8(9)sts onto needle 1.

Next round: k to last 2sts on needles 1, ssk. Work across needles 2 and 3 in instep pattern. Needle 4: k2tog, k to end.

Now begin instep decreases as follows:

Round 1: k sts on needles 1 and 4, work sts on needles 2 and 3 in pattern.

Round 2: k to last 3 sts on needle 1, k2tog, k1, knit sts on needles 2 and 3 in pattern, needle 4: k1, ssk, k to end.

Continue with these two rounds until there are 31(35) sole sts remaining. Work without decreasing until foot measures 20(24)cm/8(9½) inches from back of heel, or 4cm/1½ inches less than required total length.

Toe:

Setup round: knit to last 3 sts on needle 1, k2tog, k1. Knit across sts on needles 2 and 3. Needle 4: k1, ssk, k to end of round. 58(66)sts remain.

Now begin toe shaping as follows:

Round 1: k all sts

Round 2: k to last 3 sts on needles 1, k2tog, k1. Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to end. k to last 3 sts on needles 3, k2tog, k1. Needle 4: k1, ssk, k to end.

Repeat these two rounds until 30(34)sts remain.

Knit sts on needle 1 onto needle 4. Slip sts on needle 3 onto needle 2 – 15(17)sts on each needle – and graft sts together using Kitchener stitch.

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