

PuddleJumper Socks

You need never worry about long commutes or crowded waiting rooms if you have a sock in your bag - but a sock that's both mindless and interesting is an even better bargain. Simple increases and decreases push stripes off a straight line and give you not only built-in progress markers but cheery 'handles' resembling the ones on kids' rubber boots.

Materials

Knitterly Things' Vesper Sock (100% superwash merino, 428 yds/100g), 1 skein sufficient for most foot sizes

(if you have both a long *and* wide foot, consider a contrast colour for ribbing, heel flap/turn, and toe)

2.25mm set of 5 double pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge

safety pins to mark rows, if desired

darning needle

Gauge

34 sts, 46 rows = 4" in stocking st

38 sts, 46 rows = 4" in pattern st

Finished Sizes

Instructions are given for adult sizes Medium and Large, the larger in brackets.

Foot: 7.5 (8.5)" circumference

(Medium stretches to fit comfortably on 8" foot)

Length: 8.5" from heel base to cuff centre back

Abbreviations

K: knit.

K2tog: knit two together.

P: purl.

P2tog: purl two together.

sl: slip st as if to purl.

ssk: slip the next 2 sts as if to knit, and then knit them together.

st(s): stitch(es).

tbl: through back loop.

yo: yarn over.

Directions

Cast on 64 (72) sts, leaving a 6-8" tail. Slip 16 (18) sts onto each of four needles and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. The hanging tail will serve as your start-of-round marker.

Ribbing

Round 1: *K2 tbl, P2; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat Round 1, 7 times more.

Leg

Round 1 and all odd rows: Knit.

Round 2: [K1, K2tog, K8 (10), yo, K10, yo, K8 (10), K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 4: [K1, K2tog, K9 (11), yo, K8, yo, K9 (11), K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 6: [K1, K2tog, K10 (12), yo, K6, yo, K10 (12), K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 8: [K1, K2tog, K11 (13), yo, K4, yo, K11 (13), K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 10: [K1, K2tog, K12 (14), yo, K2, yo, K12 (14), K2tog, K1] twice.

Repeat Rounds 1-10, 5 times more.

Heel Flap

Setup Row 1: Turn work so that WS is facing. [Sl 1, P31 (35)] onto free needle. The heel flap will be worked on these 32 (36) sts only. Mark this row as beginning of heel flap, if desired.

Row 1 [RS]: Sl 1, K31 (35).

Row 2 [WS]: Sl 1, P31 (35).

Repeat these 2 rows 14 times more.





fig. A



fig. B

Turn Heel

Row 1 [RS]: S11, K16 (20), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 2 [WS]: S11, P3 (5), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 3 [RS]: S11, K4 (6), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 4 [WS]: S11, P5 (7), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 5 [RS]: S11, K6 (8), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 6 [WS]: S11, P7 (9), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 7 [RS]: S11, K8 (10), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 8 [WS]: S11, P9 (11), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 9 [RS]: S11, K10 (12), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 10 [WS]: S11, P11 (13), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 11 [RS]: S11, K12 (14), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 12 [WS]: S11, P13 (15), P2tog, P1, turn work.
 Row 13 [RS]: S11, K14 (16), ssk, K1, turn work.
 Row 14 [WS]: S11, P15 (17), P2tog, P1, turn work. 18 (22) sts remain.
 Row 15 [RS]: S11, K8 (10). Proceed to gusset.

Gusset

Working yarn is now on a resting needle at center of heel; this point will be beginning of round for gusset, foot and toe. From this point on the next sts will rest on Needle 1 with Needle 2, etc. to follow.

Setup:

Knit remaining 9 (11) sts of heel flap onto Needle 1; pick up and knit 1 st in each of the 15 slipped sts along side edge of heel flap plus the *left* side of the st to the *right* of the running thread between top of heel flap and instep sts.

Knit 32 (36) instep sts onto Needles 2 and 3 - 16 (18) on each needle.

Using Needle 4, pick up and knit *right* side of the st to the *left* of the running thread between instep sts and top of heel flap, pick up and knit 15 sts along side edge of heel flap as before, knit remaining 9 (10) sts of heel flap - 82 (90) sts.

You now have 25 (27) sts each on Needles 1 and 4, 16 (18) sts each on Needles 2 and 3.

Round 1: K23 (25), K2tog; work sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set (beginning with Round 2); ssk, K23 (25).

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: Knit to last 2 sts of Needle 1, K2tog; work sts on Needles 2 and 3 in pattern as set; ssk, knit to end of Needle 4.

Repeat Rounds 2-3, 7 times more - 64 (72) sts; 16 (18) sts remain on each needle. If desired, move safety pin to needle 1 of this row to mark start of foot.

Tip:

When picking up sts along sides of heel flap, follow this rule to minimize gaps: On the left side of the flap, the sts will go most easily onto needle 1 leaning to the right (fig. A). Pick up additional st as directed such that it leans the same way, then knit into the *front* of all these first flap sts as shown. On the right side of the flap, the sts will lean most easily to the left (fig. B). Pick up the extra st such that it leans the same way and knit into the *back* of these sts.



Foot

Continue in pattern on Needles 2 and 3 if desired (if not, then in stocking stitch) and in stocking stitch on Needles 1 and 4 until foot is 1 ½” less than desired length from back of heel.

Toe

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Knit to last 3 sts on Needle 1, K2tog, K1; K1, ssk, knit to end of Needle 2; knit to last 3 sts on Needle 3, K2tog, K1; K1, ssk, knit to end of Needle 4.

Repeat these 2 rounds 8 times more – 28 (36) sts. Using Needle 4, knit to end of Needle 1. Slip sts from Needle 3 to Needle 2. Cut yarn, leaving 22” tail for grafting.

Using Kitchener Stitch (see below for instructions), graft 14 (18) sts on Needle 2 to sts on Needle 4.

Finishing

Weave in all ends and wash.



Kitchener Stitch

Place the sock with the front facing you such that the tail of yarn is on the back needle and to the right.

Setup: Thread your darning needle into the

1ST stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **PURL** and draw it through the stitch, under the needles so it’s not crossing the area you want to graft.

Then thread your needle into the **1ST** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **KNIT**.

Thereafter: Thread your darning needle into the

1ST stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **KNIT** and slip it off the end of the needle. Thread your darning needle into the **2ND** stitch on the **FRONT** needle as if to **PURL** and leave it **ON** the needle. Take your needle under the two knitting needles and thread it into the **1ST** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **PURL** and slip it off the end of the needle. Then thread it through the **2ND** stitch on the **BACK** needle as if to **KNIT** and leave it **ON** the needle.

Got it?

On the front needle, knit-off and purl-on.

On the back needle, purl-off and knit-on.

Front: knit off, purl on. Back: purl off, knit on.

Repeat these steps until you reach the last stitch; pull the yarn through and slip it off the needle, then run in ends.



PuddleJumper Chart and Cheat Sheet

The PuddleJumper pattern is easy to memorize, but it's nice to have a small, personalized card version to cut out and carry with you for reference.

Size Medium - Text

Round 1 and all odd rows: Knit.

Round 2: [K1, K2tog, K8, yo, K10, yo, K8, K2tog, K1] twice.

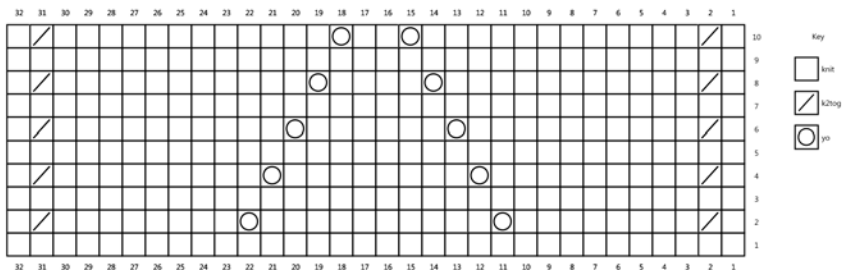
Round 4: [K1, K2tog, K9, yo, K8, yo, K9, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 6: [K1, K2tog, K10, yo, K6, yo, K10, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 8: [K1, K2tog, K11, yo, K4, yo, K11, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 10: [K1, K2tog, K12, yo, K2, yo, K12, K2tog, K1] twice.

Size Medium - Chart



Size Large - Text

Round 1 and all odd rows: Knit.

Round 2: [K1, K2tog, K10, yo, K10, yo, K10, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 4: [K1, K2tog, K11, yo, K8, yo, K11, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 6: [K1, K2tog, K12, yo, K6, yo, K12, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 8: [K1, K2tog, K13, yo, K4, yo, K13, K2tog, K1] twice.

Round 10: [K1, K2tog, K14, yo, K2, yo, K14, K2tog, K1] twice.

Size Large - Chart

