

GUITAR BOY SOCKS

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These socks were designed for my good friend Guitar Boy, because he wanted some nice thick house socks. His only complaint is that they are a little too slippery to work his kick drum, so he does drumming with one sock on and one sock off.

Finished Size Fits men's US size 7-8; 7.5" in circumference and 9" long from back of heel to toe

Gauge roughly 7 stitches per inch st stitch

Needles Size 4 US, 40" circular needle for magic loop OR set of 4 size 4 US dpn's

Yarn 1 skein Wool-Ease worsted or other worsted-weight yarn

Notions One stitch marker (optional) if you're using magic loop, tapestry needle, row counter for marking patt rounds (optional)

LEG:

Instructions are given for working with magic loop or 4 dpns; if using 5, then call the two instep needles 2a and 2b, and follow the instructions for 1 and 3 as written. If you are using magic loop, consider one needle to be needle 2, and the other to be needle 1/3 and when you turn the heel, place a marker between 1 and 3 to help you decrease evenly.

Using Norwegian cast-on, CO 52 stitches. Join for knitting the round, being careful not to twist. Divide stitches as below:

Magic Loop - 26 sts on needle 1, 26 sts on needle 2.

Work 1.5" of k1, p1 ribbing. On the last round, increase one st at end of needle 1, at beg of needle 2, and at beg of needle 3 - 55 sts total. 14 sts on needles 1 and 3 and 27 sts on needle 2.

Change to pattern:

*Rnd 1: *k1, sl 1, k1, p2; rep from **

*Rnd 2: *k3, p2; rep from **

DPN's - 13 sts on needles 1 and 3; 26 sts on needle 2.

Work 1.5" of k1, p1 ribbing. On the last round, increase one st at end of needle 1, at beg of needle 2, and at beg of needle 3 - 55 sts total. 14 sts on needles 1 and 3 and 27 sts on needle 2.

Change to pattern:

*Rnd 1: *k1, sl 1, k1, p2; rep from **

*Rnd 2: *k3, p2; rep from **

Cont in patt for 1.5" or until leg is desired length. *Last row:* inc 1 st at end of needle 2—28 sts on needle 2.

HEEL:

Set up heel:

Work needles 1 and 2 in patt. Begin heel with needle 3; hold 28 sts on needle 2 to be worked later for instep. RS is facing. Work the heel on needles 1 and 3 (28 sts).

Heel Flap:

*Row 1: *Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back, k 1, rep from * (end k1).*

Row 2: Sl 1 pwise with yarn in front, purl to end.

Repeat these two rows a total of 14 times or 28 rows total with 14 chain sts (slipped selvedge sts) along each edge. End after a WS row (row 2).

Turn Heel:

Row 1 (RS): k14, pm (for magic loop), k2, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl 1, k to one stitch before gap, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Sl 1, p to one stitch before gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked, ending with Row 4. 16 sts rem; 8 sts each on needles 1 and 3.

Gusset: Rejoin for working in the rnd as foll:

Rnd 1: (RS) - Rnd 1: Beginning with needle 3, k across 16 heel stitches, then with same needle, pick up and knit 14 sts along left edge of heel flap, work 28 instep sts patt as established; pick up and knit 14 sts along right edge of heel flap, then knit first 8 heel sts again - 72 sts total; 22 sts each on ndl 1 and 3 and 28 on ndl 2.

Rnd 2: On needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on needle 2, work instep as established; on needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end—2 sts decreased.

Rnd 3: Knit all sts on needle 1; work sts as established on needle 2, knit all sts on needle 3.

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 until 56 sts rem—14 sts each on needles 1 and 3, 28 on needle 2. Remove marker.

FOOT:

Cont even as established (knit all on needles 1 and 3; cont in patt on needle 2) until piece measures 7.5" about 2.5" less than total desired length.

TOE:

Rnd 1: On needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end. 4 sts decreased.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 16 sts rem—4 sts each on needles 1 and 3 and 8 sts on needle 2. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Using a tapestry needle, graft toe sts together using Kitchener stitch. Weave in ends and block.

