

Chunky Men's Socks

Materials:

Wool-Ease Chunky, 2 skeins (153 yds per skein)
or Cascade Yarns Pacific Chunky, 60% acrylic, 40% superwash
merino wool, 3.5 oz/100g, 120 yds/110m
size 11 double pointed needles or size to obtain gauge
yarn needle

Gauge: 3 st = 1" *To save time, take the time to check your gauge!*

Abbreviations

K knit
M1L With right needle, pick up the strand between the last st
and the next and put on left hand needle; knit in the
back loop.
M1R With right needle, pick up the strand between the last st
and the next and put on left hand needle; knit in the
front loop
P purl
Rnd round
Sl slip
St(s) Stitch(es)



Directions:

Place marker at the beginning of the rnd and slip marker at the beginning of each new rnd.
Cast on 8 sts using Judy's Magic Cast-on or some other toe-up cast-on method.

Rnd 1: K

Rnd 2: Mark for the beginning of the round. K1, M1L, K2, M1R, K2, M1L, K2, M1R, K1—12 sts

Rnd 3: K1, M1L, K4, M1R, K2, M1L, K4, M1R, K1—16 sts

Rnd 4: K1, M1L, K6, M1R, K2, M1L, K6, M1R, K1—20 sts

Rnd 5: Knit

Rnd 6: K1, M1L, K8, M1R, K2, M1L, K8, M1R, K1—24 sts

Rnd 7: Knit

Rnd 8: K1, M1L, K10, M1R, K2, M1L, K10, M1R, K1—28 sts

Rnd 9: Knit

Knit until piece measures 7" or desired length to gusset. For a 10½" foot, 7" is a good length.

Knit 7 sts. These sts are now on needle 3.

Distribute the sts as follows: 7 sts on the first needle, 14 sts on the second needle (heel sts) and 7 sts on the third needle.

Gusset (increases are made on needles 1 and 3:

Rnd 1: K6, M1L, K16, M1R, K6

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: K6, M1L, K18, M1R, K6

Rnd 4: Knit
Rnd 5: K6, M1, K20, M1R, K6
Rnd 6: Knit
Rnd 7: K6, M1L, K22, M1R, K6
Rnd 8: Knit the sts on the first and second needles.

Heel:

Row 1: Turn. Sl 1, P 12 (leave 1 st unworked) TURN
Row 2: Sl 1, K 11, TURN
Row 3: Sl 1, P 10, TURN
Row 4: Sl 1, K 9, TURN
Row 5: Sl 1, P 8, TURN
Row 6: Sl 1, K 7, TURN
Row 7: Sl 1, P 6, TURN
Row 8: Sl 1, K 5, TURN
Row 9: Sl 1, P 4, TURN
Row 10: K4, K next st with loop directly below the next st (the second st on left needle). Continue across needle using the loop on the next needle for last st. TURN
Row 11: P9; work remaining sts as for the last row purling the sts. TURN

Heel Flap:

(Worked on sts on second needle)
Row 1: S1, K across to the last st on needle. SSK with first st of gusset. TURN
Row 2: S1, P to last st, P tog last st with next gusset st. TURN

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 three more times. TURN
Knit around. (28 sts)

Mark the beginning of the row starting with the sts on needle 2. Continuing knitting in rounds until the length you desire is worked. Knit in 2 x2 ribbing for 1½".

Bind off loosely in ribbing. A good bind off for toe-up socks is Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off. (The top will look ruffly but will be smooth when worn.)
Weave in ends.

Links:

Judy's Magic Cast-on for Toe-up Socks
<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>
Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off
www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBhe-JYmgI