Double Down Hunters' Socks

Size - Adult - length adjustable

Materials - 1 skein of Freshisle Fibers Double Down Wool Yarn, set of double pointed needles size 3mm/2.5 U.S., darning needle for finishing toe and weaving in ends.

Gauge - 28 - stitches = 1"; 40 - rows = 4" in stocking stitch.

Cuff

Cast on 60 stitches. Divide stitches evenly on 3 needles (20 stitches per needle). Join and work around in k2, p 2 ribbing for desired length. Place marker to mark beginning of round if desired. (65 rows = $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inches for sample socks for women).

Shape Heel

Continue using needle 3 and k2, p2 for 10 stitches. 30 stitches now on needle - these are heel stitches. If desired, slip stitches on remaining two needles (instep stitches) so that they are evenly divided and for ease of working the heel.

Return to 30 heel stitches, and working back and forth on only these stitches, begin Double Heel.

Double Heel

Row 1 : Slip 1, p across row. Row 2 : * Slip 1, k 1* , repeat from * across. Repeat these 2 rows for 2"+ , end row 1 - purl row. (Approximately 23 rows total.)



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Turn Heel

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Row 1 : Slip 1, k 16, ssk, k 1, turn.
Row 2 : Slip 1, p 5, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 3 : Slip 1, k 6, ssk, k 1, turn.
Row 4 : Slip 1, p 7, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 5 : Slip 1, k 8, ssk, k 1, turn.
Row 6 : Slip 1, p 9, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 7 : Slip 1, k 10, ssk, k 1, turn.
Row 8 : Slip 1, p 11, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 9 : Slip 1, k 12, ssk, p 1, turn.
Row 10 : Slip 1, p 13, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 11 : Slip 1, k 14, ssk, p 1, turn.
Row 12 : Slip 1, p 15, p2tog, p 1, turn.
Row 13 : Slip 1, p 16, p2tog.
18 stitches remain.
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[ssk = slip one stitch knitwise from left needle to right needle, slip another stitch purlwise from left needle to right needle, return these two stitches to left needle, knit these two stitches through back loops]

Gusset

Knit 9 stitches and leave on spare needle. Knit remaining 9 stitches and pick up and knit 13 stitches along side of heel. With second needle, work in established rib pattern across 30 stitches. With third needle, pick up and knit 13 stitches along side of heel, knit 9 from spare needle.

22 stitches on first needle, 30 stitches on second needle, 22 stitches on third needle.

Shape Instep

Round 1 : With first needle, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. With second needle work across in k2, p2 rib pattern. With third needle, k1, ssk, k to end. Round 2 : First needle, knit. Second needle, k2 p2 rib. Third needle, knit.

Repeat these two rounds until 60 stitches total remain.

Foot

Continue working first needle in knit, second needle in k2 p2 rib, and third needle in knit until sock is approximately 2 inches shorter than desired length.

Hint - the length of your hand is the same length as the measurement of the end of your heel to the base of the little toe = knit the length of your hand!

Тое

Knit all stitches for one full round.

Round 1 : With first needle, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k 1. With second needle, k 1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k 1. With third needle, k 1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2 : Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rounds until 12 stitches remain on second needle. Knit across 6 stitches of first needle with third needle. Weave stitches together with Kitchener stitch.

Freshisle Fibers Double Down wool yarn is machine washable in warm or cool water. Machine dryable or lay flat to dry.



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