

**2** skill  
level

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men's knit socks

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#### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Lion Brand® Wool-Ease yarn, 1 skein  
NOTE: Socks shown are made of Red Heart® Super Saver yarn
- Double-pointed needles, size 5
- Stitch markers
- Large-eye blunt needles  
Size 4 [3.5 mm] set of 5 double-pointed needles

SIZE: One Size Length is adjustable.

#### GAUGE:

24 sts + 28 rows = 4 in in St st (k every rnd) on larger needles. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

#### DIRECTIONS:

With smaller needles, cast on 40 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 4 needles, being careful not to twist. Place marker for beginning of rnd. Work in k1, p1 rib for 2 1/2". Change to larger needles and St st (k every rnd) and work until piece measures 6" from beg.

#### SHAPE HEEL FLAP

Knit across 10 sts on first needle, turn.

Row 1 (WS) With empty needle, sl 1 st, purl 9 sts on first needle and 10 sts on needle 4 – 20 sts for heel flap. Work back and forth on these sts in rows.

Row 2 \* Sl 1, k 1; rep from \* across.

Rep last 2 rows until a total of 21 rows have been worked, ending with a Row 1.

#### TURN HEEL

Next Row (RS) Sl 1, k 11, skp, k 1, turn.

Next Row Sl 1, p 5, p2tog, p 1, turn.

Next Row Sl 1, k 6, skp, k 1, turn.

Next Row Sl 1, p 7, p2tog, p 1, turn.

Continue to work in this manner, having 1 more st before decs on each row until 12 sts remain.

## DIRECTIONS (Continued):

### GUSSETS

With first needle, knit across 12 sts of heel, pick up and k 12 sts along side of heel flap, M1 between heel flap and next (instep) needle, with second needle, work 20 sts across 2 instep needles, with third needle, M1 between instep needle and heel flap, pick up 12 sts along remaining side of heel flap, work across 19 sts of heel flap – 58 sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Dec Rnd K 17, k2tog, k 20, k2tog, k 17.

Knit 1 rnd.

Rep last 2 rnds until 40 sts remain.

### FOOT

Work even in St st until foot measures about 1 1/2" [4 cm] less than desired length to beg of toes.

### SHAPE TOE

Dec Rnd K 7, skp, k 2, k2tog, k 14, skp, k 2, k2tog, k7.

Knit 1 rnd.

Rep last 2 rnds until 16 sts remain. Divide sts evenly onto 2 needles. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

### GRAFTING

Holding the 2 needles parallel with wrong sides of fabric together, thread a large-eyed blunt needle with one of the yarn ends and work as follows:

1. Insert needle as if to p into first stitch on front needle. Insert needle as if to k into first stitch on back needle. Then follow steps 1-4 as outlined below.
2. Insert needle as if to k through first st on front needle and let the st drop from needle.
3. Insert needle into 2nd st on front needle as if to p, and leave st on needle.
4. Insert needle into first st on back needle as if to p and let it drop from needle, then
5. Insert needle as if to k through 2nd st on back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving st on needle. Repeat Steps 1-4 until all sts have been grafted. When finished grafting, adjust tension as necessary. Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

beg = begin(s)(ning)

dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together

M1 = make 1

p = purl

p2tog = purl 2 together

rep = repeat(s)(ing)

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

skp = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over

sl = slip

St st = Stockinette stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tog = together

WS = wrong side

Skill Level 2: Knitting experience needed

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