

Gentleman Socks

A Designedly, Kristi Original Pattern

It can be difficult to find a yarn and sock pattern that you will enjoy knitting and the men your life will wear proudly. This pattern is the answer!

The ribbing makes for a slightly forgiving fit, but the extra texture on the ribs makes it fun to knit and gives the final socks an air of sophistication without fighting against the subtle striping in the Trekking XXL yarn. If your gentleman would prefer a solid color yarn, it looks great in that as well.

To achieve the texture on the ribs there are traveling stitches that reduce the stretchiness of the rib slightly. You may find that you need to move up one size from your usual stitch count in order to get the sock over your heel. Or, start with needles one size larger for the top 2-3 inches.



A pair of Gentleman socks knit from Trekking XXL color 101. They feature a textured rib that makes it enjoyable to knit for you while not fighting with the subtle color variations in the yarn.

Skill Level

Intermediate, some experience knitting socks in recommended.

Fibers

1 ball Trekking XXL, Color 101
75% Superwash Wool, 25% Nylon, 462 yds per 100g.

Needles and Notions

2-US 1 (2.5 mm) Circulars
Tapestry Needle

Sizes and Gauge

Women's Med (**Women's Lg**, Men's Med,
Men's Lg) for ankle circumferences of roughly
7.5 (**8.5**, 9.5, **10.5**) inches

Gauge: 8.5 st/in st st

Abbreviations

All abbreviations follow those listed at <http://www.yarnstandards.com/knit.html> if at all possible. Below is a list of those used in this pattern:

CO - Cast on

k - Knit

ktbl - Knit through back loop

k2tog - Knit two together

p - Purl

ndl - Needle

rep - Repeat

rnd - Round

RT - Right twist by k2tog without slipping the sts off of the ndl, then knit the first st and slide both off together.

sl - Slip stitch purlwise unless noted otherwise

ssk - Slip two stitches knitwise, transfer back to the left needle and knit together through the back loop

sts - Stitches

st st - Stockinette stitch

Pattern

CO 64 (**72**, 80, **88**) sts.

Place 32 (**40**, 40, **48**) sts on the first circular needle and 32 (**32**, 40, **40**) sts on the second circular ndl.

Being careful not to twist the sts, mark beginning of round, join, and begin working in k2, p2 ribbing for 1-1.5 inches.

Begin Leg Pattern

Rnd 1: *RT 3 times, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnds 2 and 4: *k6, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 3: *k1, RT 2 times, k1, p2; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat rnds 1-4 until sock leg measures 8 inches or total desired leg length. End following a rnd 2.

Begin Heel Flap

Work rnd 3 above, but reposition the sts as appropriate for your size sock while knitting.

For the 64 (*, 80, *) st sizes: Reposition sts by slipping the last two purl sts from the first ndl to the beginning of the second ndl. Ndl 1 should end with the k1, RT 2 times, k1; ndl 2 should start and end with a p2. Ndl 1 will hold 30 (*, 38, *) sts that will become the heel and ndl 2 will hold the 34 (*, 42, *) that will be the instep sts.

For the * (72, *, 88) st sizes: Reposition sts by slipping the last three sts from the first ndl holding *(40, *, 48) sts onto the second ndl with 32 sts. Also slip the first st on the first ndl to the second ndl. The second ndl should now start with a k1, p2 and end with a p2, k1. Both needles should have * (36, *, 44) sts on them now. Ndl 1 will be the heel sts and ndl 2 will be the instep sts.

For all sizes: Knitting back and forth on the first ndl only,

Row 1 (RS): *sl1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2 & 4 (WS): sl1, purl to end of row.

Row 3 (RS): sl2, *k1, sl1; repeat from * to end of row, ending with k2.

Rep rows 1-4 until there are 16 (**18**, 20, **22**) chain sts along the edge of the heel flap or the heel flap measures the distance from the center of the ankle bone to the floor.

Turn Heel

Row 1 (RS): k 17 (**20**, 21, **24**) sts, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 2 (WS): sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: k to 1 st before the gap, then ssk across gap, k1, turn.

Row 4: sl1, p to 1 st before the gap, p2tog across gap, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all sts from the heel flap have been worked, ending after a row 4.

Begin Gusset

Rnd 1: Knit across all heel sts, with same ndl pick up and knit all chain sts along heel flap, picking up an extra one at the corners to ensure no holes; for the second needle, follow instep pattern for ndl 2 given below; once again using ndl 1, pick up and knit all chain sts along the other side of heel flap, picking up an extra one at the corners to ensure no holes and continue knitting the sts already on the ndl1.

Instep Pattern for Ndl 2

For the 64 (*, 80, *) st sizes:

Rnd 1 and 3: *p2, k6; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2.

Rnd 2: *p2, RT 3 times; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2.

Rnd 4: *p2, k1, RT 2 times, k1; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2.

For the * (72, *, 88) st sizes:

Rnd 1 and 3: k1, *p2, k6; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2, k1.

Rnd 2: k1, *p2, RT 3 times; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2, k1.

Rnd 4: k1, *p2, k1, RT 2 times, k1; rep from * to end of ndl, ending p2, k1.

Gusset Shaping

Rnd 1: k1, ssk, knit to last three sts of ndl 1, k2tog, k1, knit ndl 2 according to the instep pattern above for your size sock.

Rnd 2: Knit ndl 1 and follow appropriate instep pattern 1 above for ndl 2.

Repeat the above two rnds, decreasing 2 sts every other rnd until the original 64 (**72**, 80, **88**) sts remain.

Instep Pattern for Ndl 1

Rnd 1: *sl1, k1; rep from * to end of needle.

Rnds 2 & 4: Knit.

Rnd 3: *k1, Sl1; rep from * to end of needle.

Once gusset is complete, follow the instep pattern for ndl 1 and the appropriate row of instep pattern for ndl 2 for 1.75 (**2**, 2.25, **2.5**) inches or the length of your arch. This will form a slightly snugger arch fit on the bottom of the sock.

Continue working appropriate instep pattern for ndl 2 and knitting all sts on ndl 1 until measurement from back of heel to needles is roughly 1.5 in less than the total foot measurement.

Toe Shaping

For 64 (*, 80, *) st socks, return the first two purl sts from ndl 2 to ndl one so you have an equal number of sts on each ndl then proceed for all sizes.

For all sizes:

Rnd 1: For each ndl, k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep rnds 1-2 until 32 (36, 40, 44) sts remain. Then rep rnd 1 only until 16 sts remain.

Finishing

Kitchner stitch the remaining sts closed. Weave in all ends. Wash according to yarn manufacturer's directions and block.

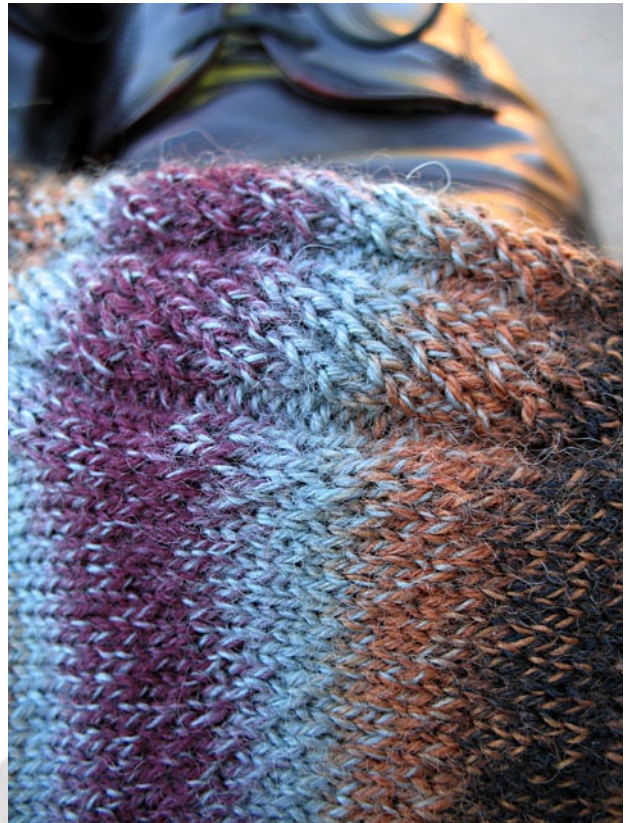
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If you look closely at the photo above you can see the eye of partridge stitch used on the underside of the instep for a snugger fit around the arch of the foot.

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