

Warm Woolies 2007 Socks ©



Why "Smallish" and "Largish"? Because size really doesn't matter! Warm Woolies patterns are designed to meet the needs of the children for whom our volunteers knit (tirelessly, for tens of thousands of hours each year!). These children come in all shapes and sizes. Taking into account variations in knitters and yarns, these two sizes should cover most of the cold feet we try to keep warm.

Materials:

Size 8 double-pointed needles.

Bulky yarn (or worsted-weight yarn used double-stranded) in wool, wool/mohair, or other sturdy animal fiber. Some of our favorites are Brown Sheep Lambs' Pride Bulky and Reynolds' LOPI. Smallish size uses approximately 3 ounces; Largish size uses approximately 4 ounces. You are welcome to make a longer cuff; if you do, you'll need more yarn. Feel free to use up scraps by working the top of the cuff, heel, or toe in contrasting colors.

Directions:

1. Cuff

1. Cast on 24 (28) stitches using cable or long-tail method
2. Work in k1,p1 or k2,p2 ribbing for 24 (28) rounds.
3. Knit 3 rounds.

2. Heel Flap:

1. Work 12 (14) stitches for 14 (16) rows. You can work the rows either in stockinet or a traditional heel stitch, worked in a *slip1,k1* pattern across the right side rows and P across the wrong side rows. In any case, be sure to slip the first stitch of each row so you have a nice edge from which to pick up your gusset stitches.

o Smallish Heel Turn

1. Row 1: k7, ssk, k1, turn. [ssk = slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then insert your left-hand needle into the front of those two stitches and knit them both together from that position.
2. Row 2: s1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn.
3. Row 3: k5, ssk, k1, turn..
4. Row 4: s1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

o Largish Heel Turn

1. Row 1: k9, SSK, k1,turn. [SSK= slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then insert your left-hand needle into the front of those two stitches and knit them both together from that position.
2. Row 2: s1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.
3. Row 3: k7, ssk, k1, turn.
4. Row 4: s1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn.

3. Gusset:

1. Knit the 8 (10) stitches from the heel flap, then still using the same needle pick up and knit 7 (8) stitches from the edge of the heel flap. On the next needle, knit across the next 12 (14) stitches. On the third needle, pick up and knit 7 (8) stitches from the other edge of the heel flap and the next 4 (5) stitches to the center of the heel. This is now the beginning of the round.
2. Next round: knit around.
3. Next round: knit to within 3 stitches of the end of your first needle, ssk, k1 those stitches. Knit across the second needle. On the third needle, k1, k2tog, knit across.
4. Repeat these two rounds until 24 (30) stitches remain.

4. Foot:

1. For the Smallish size, knit between 10-14 rounds before the toe decrease.
2. For the Largish size, knit between 16-20 rounds before the toe decrease.

5. Toe:

- For **Largish** size only:
 1. Next round: k6, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k6.
 2. Next round: knit around.
 3. Next round: *k5, k2tog* around.
 4. Next round: knit around.

- For **BOTH** size:
 1. Next round: *k4, k2tog* around.
 2. Next round: knit around.
 3. Next round: *k3, k2tog* around.
 4. Next round: knit around.
 5. Next round: *k2, k2tog* around.
 6. Next round: knit around.
 7. Next round: *k1, k2tog* around.
 8. Cut a long tail, thread through remaining 8 live stitches two times, and then secure firmly by weaving through about 5 stitches in opposite directions on the inside of the toe.

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