

# SIMON SOCKS

 BACKWOODS KNITS



## MATERIALS:

80-100g fingering weight yarn

OR

80-100g DK weight yarn

OPTIONAL-

30-50g Suri or Mohair lace weight yarn

Size US4 (3.5mm) 9" circular needles, DPN's, or long circular needles for magic loop

2 stitch markers

Tapestry needle

## CAUCE:

20 st over 4" in stockinette st, knit in the round and blocked

## SIZES:

S (7"/17.75cm)

M (8"/20.25cm)

L (9"/ 22.75 cm)

XL (10"/ 25 cm)

## ABBREVIATIONS:

BOR- beginning of round

R- round/row

st- stitch

m- marker

RS- right side

WS- wrong side

Rep- repeat

k- knit

p- purl

yo- yarn over

pm- place marker

Sl- slip

sm- slip marker

ktbl- knit through the back loop

k2tog- knit 2 together

p2tog- purl 2 together

ssk- slip slip knit

m1p- make one stitch by lifting the bar in between stitches from front to back then purl through the back loop

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Thank you so much for purchasing my pattern! I designed this sock with beginners in mind using super simple stitches to create a wonderfully squishy and complex looking design that anyone with basic knitting knowledge can pull off. If you get stuck I can be reached at [backwoodsknits@gmail.com](mailto:backwoodsknits@gmail.com) or via Instagram DM @backwoodsknits. I am always happy to help as much as I can!

When we decided to start our homestead journey, we knew we wanted to get a livestock guardian dog (LGD) to help us to protect and keep our other animals. We went back and forth on breeds and finally settled on the sweetest Great Pyrenees puppy I have ever seen! Simon Puppy was the biggest but also the calmest of his litter. He has maintained that same chill, relaxed temperament and now he's almost 100 lbs!



On sunny days you can find Simon herding the chickens and ducks around, snuggling with his 4 kitten babies, or lounging about with his goat brother, Garfunkel. In the evenings he is on high alert, patrolling the perimeter and warning off any would-be predators. Simon isn't just for working though, he is a real life polar bear for our kids! He lets them romp all around (and over) him without so much as a bark. We truly love our giant fluffer pup!

I designed these socks to be super squishy and fluffy like our goodest boy. If you want the ultimate squish, definitely pair Suri or Mohair with your selected base.

## NOTES:

This sock can be knit with a variety of different yarn options:

DK

DK held with Suri or Mohair

Fingering held double

Fingering held double and an additional strand of Suri or Mohair (3 strands total)

Use the measurements below from the Craft Yarn Council of America to calculate the length of the foot of your sock:

Women's Shoe Sizes

4-6.5: 8-9" (20-23 cm)

7-9.5: 9.25-10" (23-25.5 cm)

10-12.5: 10.25-11" (26-28 cm)

Men's Shoe Sizes

6-8.5: 9.25-10" (23-25.5 cm)

9-11.5: 10.25-11" (26-28 cm)

12-14: 11.25-12" (28.5-30.5 cm)



## INSTRUCTIONS

# CUFF

Cast on 42 (44, 50, 52) stitches using stretchy cast on method such as German twisted.

Join in the round being careful not to twist stitches, pm.

## SMALL-

R1-10: K3, P3

## MEDIUM & XLARGE-

R1-10: K2, P2

# LARGE

R1-10: K3, P2

## LEG SETUP

## SMALL

R1-3: \*p2, knit 17, p2; Rep from \* around

## MEDIUM

R1: \*p2, m1p, k17, m1p, p5, k17, p3 (46 st)

R2 & R3: \*p3, k17, p3; rep around to BOR

# LARGE

R1-3: \*p4, knit 17, p4; Rep from \* around

# XLARGE

R1: \*p4, m1p, k17, m1p, p9, k15, p5 (54 st)

R2 & R3: \*p5, k17, p5; rep around to BOR

## LEG

R1: \*p2 (3, 4, 5), (k2tog) 3 times, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, (ssk) 3 times, p2 (3, 4, 5); rep from \* to BOR

R2-4: \*p2 (3, 4, 5), k17, p2 (3, 4, 5); rep from \* to BOR

Repeat R1-4 a total of 9 times or until desired length  
ending after completing a R3

THE CHART TO THE RIGHT CAN BE USED FOR THE CENTER LACE PANEL, REFERENCE LEC SECTION TO SEE HOW MANY PURL ST TO WORK BEFORE AND AFTER CHART FOR YOUR SIZE.

## HEEL FLAP

Setup: \*p2 (3, 4, 5), k17, p2 (3, 4, 5)

These stitches will now be the **FRONT** of your sock and will not be worked again until after we have picked up gusset stitches.

We will now be working with the BACK 21 (23, 25, 27) stitches only, turning the work after each row.

RS: Row 1: k across WS: Row 2: p across

Continue to work Row 1 and Row 2 across back 21, (23, 25, 27) stitches until heel flap reaches 2" (2.25", 2.5", 2.5") or desired length, end after completing a Row 1.

## HEEL TURN

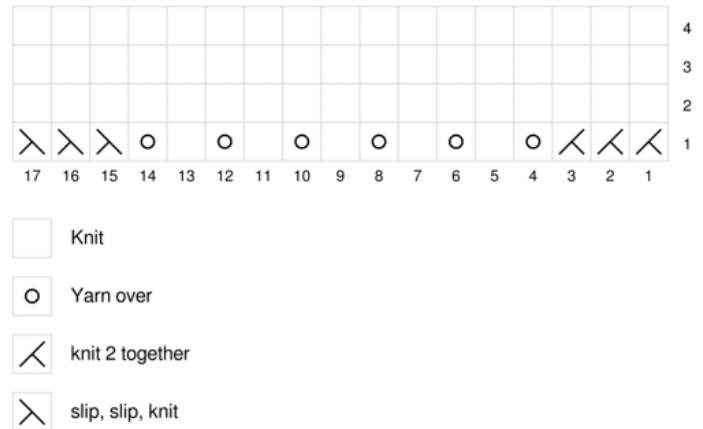
Setup- S11, p11 (12, 13, 14), p2tog, p1

S11, k4, ssk, k1, turn

Row 1: sl1, p to 1 before the gap, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 2: sl1, k to 1 before the gap, ssk, k1, turn

Continue to work Row 1 and Row 2 until all stitches have been worked, end after completing a Row 2



## INSTRUCTIONS

## PICK UP HEEL STITCHES

You will now be working in the round again.

With the right side of your sock facing you, start on the left side of your heel flap and pick up 8 (9, 10, 11) st,

Pick up one stitch in the corner between heel flap and BOR marker

P2 (3, 4, 5), (k2tog) 3 times, (yo, k1) 5 times, yo, (ssk) 3 times, p2 (3, 4, 5), you can place a m here to help distinguish the front st from the back st.

Pick up 1 stitch in the corner between front stitches and heel flap.

Pick up 8 (9, 10, 11) st across left side of your heel flap.

Knit across heel turn stitches and down the first set of picked up sts to BOR marker.

GUSSET

Round 1: Work front stitches in established pattern beginning with Round 2, k1, ssk, k across to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

Round 2: Work top of foot stitches in established pattern, sm, k to BOR, sm

Continue working Rounds 1 & 2 until bottom of back sts have been decreased to 21, (23, 25, 27) stitches.

You will now have a total of 42 (46, 50, 54) stitches.

## LACE CHART REFERENCE

☐ Knit

- ☐ Yarn over

 knit 2 together

 slip, slip, knit

FOOT

Continue to work front 21, (23, 25, 27) st in established pattern, and back 21, (23, 25, 27) sts in stockinette until foot is 1.5" (1.5", 2", 2") shorter than desired total length.

You may end on any Round EXCEPT R1

# TOE

K1 round even

Round 1: k1, ssk, k1 across to 3 st before m, k2tog, k1, sm, k1, ssk, k to 3 st before BOR m, k2tog, k

Round 2: knit even

Continue to work Round 1 and Round 2 until 14 (18, 22, 26) stitches remain. Break yarn leaving a long tail.

Graft toe together using Kitchener stitch.

Now would be a GREAT time to cast on your second sock!!

Block your socks and enjoy!

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