

Classic socks – spelled out!

By Maren Lie Malmo featuring my mother-in-law.

1. 64 stitches (16 on each needle), needle size 3 (US 2 ½) – 3,5 (US 4). The yarn used in the picture is REGIA 4-thread yarn (*Flusi das Sockenmonster-series*). This is a comfortable fit for a woman's size 40 (European) / 7 (British) / 10 (US).
2. Knit two stitches, purl two stitches, until you've reached approximately 18cm (almost 8").
3. Knit 1-2cm stocking stitch.
4. Move 16 stitches from one needle onto another, to start making the heel. Continue knitting these 32 stitches stocking stitch until approximately 7 cm.
5. Still working on these 32 stitches – knit until there are 9 stitches left on the needle, and turn. Knit until the last 9 stitches on the other end come up, then turn again. Knit up until 1 stitch before the last "separated" 9, and knit two together. Turn and repeat this step until there are no more "separated" stitches to knit together. You should have approximately 14 stitches left.
6. Pick up at least 14 stitches on each side of this "patch" you've just made, and knit one full round with the two needles you've left alone so far. When you come back to the two "heel-needles" – knit two together in the beginning of the first heel-needle, and knit two together in the very end of the second heel-needle. Do this every other round until you are left with 64 stitches on the needles.
7. Continue the stocking stitches until you've just passed your pinky toe.
8. To make a round toe as on the image above, cast off like this:
 - Cast off (knitting two together x 2) two stitches on each needle evenly
 - Knit 5 rounds without casting off
 - Cast off two stitches on each needle
 - Knit 4 rounds without casting off
 - Cast off two stitches on each needle
 - Knit 3 rounds without casting off
 - Cast off two stitches on each needle
 - Knit 2 rounds without casting off
 - Cast off two stitches on each needle
 - Knit 1 round without casting off
 - Knit two and two together throughout the entire round
 - Knit 1 round without casting off
 - Cut the thread and put it through the remaining stitches. Fasten it securely.

