

## Spruce Socks

I am convinced, crochet socks might be as great as the knit ones. There are just a few rules to follow!

- Use sock yarn or fingering weight yarn; the smaller sts are more comfortable they will feel
- Don't crochet too tight; socks shouldn't be loose either, but if you crochet too tight, socks might turn out too stiff and not elastic enough for a comfortable wear
- While on the front part it's great to have a nice pattern, on the sole it is better to have only single crochet stitches, you won't feel them when walking
- While you crochet, try on socks frequently; it will help to see if any modifications are necessary


## Sizes and measurements of finished garment:

Pattern is written for adult sizes Small, Medium and Large, and there are instructions how to enlarge calf if necessary

Length: $21(23,26) \mathrm{cm}$ or $81 / 4\left(9,10 \frac{1}{4}\right)$ in
Width: $9(9.5,10) \mathrm{cm}$ or $31 / 2(33 / 4,4)$ in
Calf circumference: $21(22,23) \mathrm{cm}$ or $81 / 4(81 / 2,9)$ in

## Materials

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sumarme approx. one hank or 357 yards ( 326 m ) of any fingering weight yarn

Suggested yarn: Knit Picks Hawthorne Fingering Multi Yarn, shade Skyline, 80\% Fine Superwash Highland Wool, 20\% Polyamide (Nylon), 100g / 357y (326m)

- crochet hook 3.5 mm or size needed to obtain gauge
- measurement tape
- 2 stitch markers


## Gauge

12 sts and 12 rows in sc to measure $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}$ or $2 \times 2$ in

## Stitches and abbreviations

st(s) - stitch(es)
ch - chain stitch
sc - single crochet
dc - double crochet
sl st - slip stitch
WS - wrong side
RS - right side
sp - space

## Special stitches

## Front post double crochet (FPdc)

Yo, insert hook from front to back around next stitch, yo, pull through (photo 1), three loops on hook (photo 2); finish front post double crochet (FPdc) as normal dc (photo 3)


## Back post double crochet (BPdc)

Yo, insert hook from back to front around next stitch, yo, pull through (photo 1), three loops on hook (photo 2); finish back post double crochet (BPdc) as normal dc (photo 3)


Sock is worked from toe up to cuff. Work both socks up to leg part first, then adjust the length of the sock depending on the yarn amount available
Pattern note: ch1 at the beginning of round or row doesn't count as stitch
Sock is worked in continues rnds without joining (except for Cuff)

## Toe

For all sizes
Rnd 1: ch7, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 4ch, 3sc in last ch rotating to work back along the opposite side of the ch, sc in each remaining 4ch, 2 sc in remaining loop of first ch (14 sts), don't join but work next rnd

Rnd 2: 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 4sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st and place a marker, $2 s c$ in next st, sc in each of next 4sts, 2sc in next st, sc in next st and place a marker, don't join

Rnd 3: *2sc in next st, sc in each st to last st before marker, 2sc in next st, sc in marked st, move marker up*, repeat from * once more (22 sc)

Repeat Rnd 3 working 2sc in one st before and after each marker to $48(50,52)$ sts, stop when reached the right amount of sts even if you didn't complete last rnd

Continue to work sc in each st to first marker of the rnd and continue with Main Part, remove the markers

## Main Part

Mark 16 sts in the middle of the toe - place marker in $1^{\text {st }}$ and in $16^{\text {th }}$ sts; photo 1

Rnd 1: sc in each st to first marker, ch1, skip marked st (leave the marker to mark beginning of rnd), sc in next st, *ch1, skip next st, sc in next st*, repeat from * 6 more times, sc in each of next $32(34,36)$ sts; $48(50,52)$ sts, 8 ch1sp made photo 2

Rnd 2: *sc in next ch1sp, FPdc around next sc*, repeat from * 6 more times, sc in next ch1sp, sc in each of next $33(35,37)$ sts; $48(50,52)$ sts, 7 FPdc made photo 3

Rnd 3: sc in each st; $48(50,52)$ sc
Rnd 4: *ch1, skip next st, sc in next st** repeat from * 7 more times, sc in each of next $32(34,36)$ sts; $48(50,52)$ sts, 8 ch1sp made

Repeat Rnds 2 through 4 working in a spiral until the toe part is $15(17,20) \mathrm{cm}$ long or until you reach the length you need to get to the heel, in last repeat work Rnd 4 in the following way

Rnd 4: *ch1, skip next st, sc in next st*, repeat from * 7 more times, sc in each of next $29(30,31)$ sts, leaving $3(4,5)$ sc unworked before ch1sp, turn and work the Heel; photo 4

## Heel

Row $1(W S)$ : ch1, sc in each of next 27sts, leaving $3(4,5)$ sc unworked before next ch1sp, turn; photo 5

Row 2 (RS): ch1, sc in first st, skip next st, sc in each next st to last 2sts, skip next st, sc in last st, turn; 25 sc

Row 3 (WS): ch1, sc in first st and in each next st, turn; 25sc
Repeat Rows 2 and $3-7$ more times, decreasing by 2 sts in every other row ( 11 sc )

Row 18 (RS): ch1, 2sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2sc in next st, turn; 13 sc

Rows 19 (WS): ch1, sc in first st and in each next st, turn; 13sc

Repeat Rows 18 and $19-7$ more times, increasing by 2sts in every other row ( 27 sc ); photo 6

Fold heel in half, RS together. Align top of the last row with bottom of first row and join diagonal seams together working sl st across; photo 7

Fasten off

## Calf

Join yarn into the left heel seem, and work as follows
Rnd 1: ch1, sc in st at the base of ch1, place a marker to mark the first st of rnd, sc in each of next $3(4,5) \mathrm{sc}$, sc in next ch1sp, *FPdc around next sc, sc in next ch1sp*, repeat from * 6 more times, sc in each of next $3(4,5)$ sc, sc into the heel
side seam, work evenly 27 sc across the heel; $50(52,54)$ sts; photo 8

For a larger calf you can increase sts across the back of the sock, working evenly 2 sc in one st as many times as needed to desired calf width

Rnd 2: ch1, sc in each st around; $50(52,54)$ sts
Rnd 3: sc in first and in each of next $3(4,5)$ sc, *ch1, skip next st, sc in next st*, repeat from * 7 more times, sc in each of next $30(31,32)$ sts (or to end of rnd, if you increased number of sts); $50(52,54)$ sts

Rnd 4: sc in first and in each of next $3(4,5) \mathrm{sc}$, *sc in next ch1sp, FPdc around next sc*, repeat from * 6 more times, sc in next ch1sp, sc in each of next $30(31,32)$ sts (or to end of rnd, if you increased number of sts); $50(52,54)$ sts

Repeat Rnds 2 through 4-4 more times or until desired length

Repeat Rnd 2 once more, and continue with Cuff

## Cuff

Rnd 1: ch1, but pull it longer to the height of dc, dc in first st and in each next st, join with sl st in first dc; $50(52,54)$ sts

Rnd 2: ch1, FPdc around first dc, *BPdc around next dc, FPdc around next dc*, repeat form * to last st, BPdc around next dc, join with sl st in first dc, $50(52,54)$ sts

Repeat Rnd 2 - 3 more times or until desired length; photo 9
Fasten off and weave in all ends




