

# 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) cm or 81/4 (9, 101/4) in

Width: 9 (9.5, 10) cm or 31/2 (33/4, 4) in

Calf circumference: 21 (22, 23) cm or 81/4 (8 1/2, 9) in

# Materials



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

#### Gauge

12sts and 12rows in sc to measure 5x5cm or 2x2in

#### **Stitches and abbreviations**

<b>st(s)</b> – stitch(es)	<b>sl st</b> – slip stitch
<b>ch</b> – chain stitch	<b>WS</b> – wrong side
<b>sc</b> – single crochet	<b>RS</b> – right side
<b>dc</b> – double crochet	<b>sp</b> - 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)



photo 1

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)



START

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, 2sc in remaining loop of first ch (14 sts), don't join but work next rnd

Rnd 2: 2sc in first st, sc in each of next 4sts, 2sc in next st, sc in next st and place a marker, 2sc 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 1st and in 16<sup>th</sup> 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) 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(WS): 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 2sts 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) 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 27sc 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 2sc 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) 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













