

# bookworm socks pattern

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You may not believe it, but these bookworm socks are the perfect reading accessory. No one likes cold feet while they are reading! Be warned though, you might get distracted by how cute they are!

This pattern was designed as Firefly Fiber Arts Studio's free knit pattern for the 2023 Chicago Yarn Crawl.

## required skills

Knitting, purling, knitting in-the-round, picking up stitches, decreasing, Kitchener stitch

## materials

MC: 300 yards of fingering weight yarn

CC: 80 yards of mohair lace weight yarn

\*estimates made for the largest size\*

Sample made with:

MC: Knitting for Olive Cotton Merino in color Dusty Artichoke

CC: Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair in color Quince.

- US 1.5 (2.5 mm) Double Pointed Needles
- US 1.5 (2.5 mm) 10" circular, or preferred method to make a small circumference
- Stich markers
- Tapestry needle

## sizing

s (m, l)

s - women's shoe size 5 - 7

m - women's shoe size 8 - 10, men's shoe size 6.5 - 8.5

l - women's shoe size 11+ , men's shoe size 9+



## gauge

16 sts x 23 rows of stockinette sts = 2"

## abbreviations

BOR - beginning of round

DPNs - Double Pointed Needles

MC - Main Color (sample uses green)

CC - Contrast Color (samples uses pink)

k - knit

k2tog - knit 2 together

p - purl

RS - Right Side (outside of sock)

sm - slip marker

ssk - slip slip knit

st(s) - stich(es)

Stockinette st - knit all RS sts

WS - Wrong Side (inside of sock)

( \_ ) - Repeat Brackets; repeat instructions between brackets to where indicated.

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## instructions

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### cuff

With the MC, cast on 60 (64, 68) using the German Twisted Cast On method.

(k1, p1) for 1 row.

Place BOR marker. Join in the round, careful to not twist your sts.

(k1, p1) until the end of round. Continue the 1x1 rib until your cuff measures 1" (2.5cm).

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### leg

Knit in stockinette st for 3/4" (2 cm)

Add the mohair CC to your MC yarn. You will be knitting with both yarns together.

Purl with MC and CC together for 3 rounds.

Drop the mohair CC, do not cut.

Repeat the above instructions for a total of 5 times. Cut mohair CC.

\*When picking up your mohair between sections, make sure to not pull tight so as to not scrunch up your leg\*

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### heel flap

With MC, knit 1 round.

Knit 30 (32, 34) sts. Place these stitches on hold.

Switch to DPN's, knit the remaining 30 (32, 34) sts onto a DPN needle.

You will now be working the stitches flat across the DPN to create your heel flap.

Turn to work the WS, slip first st, purl remaining sts to end of row. Turn.

RS: (slip 1, k1) to end of row.

WS: slip first st, purl remaining sts to end of row.

Repeat the RS & WS rows until the heel flap measures 2.5".

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### heel turn

Heel Turn Set Up (start on RS)

Set Up Row 1 (RS): Sl 1, k19 (21, 23) ssk, k1, turn

Set Up Row 2 (WS): sl 1, p11 (13, 15) p2tog, p1, turn

Heel Turn

RS: sl 1, knit to 1 st before the gap, ssk, k1, turn

WS: sl 1, purl to 1 st before the gap, p2tog, p1

Repeat RS and WS instructions until all stitches have been worked.

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## set up for gusset

RS: sl 1, knit across heel flap

Pick up and knit the slipped sts along left side of heel flap, place BOR marker, knit across instep, pm, pick up and knit the slipped sts along right side of heel flap (making sure you pick up the same number of stitches as the left side), knit remaining sts to BOR.

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## gusset decreases & foot

1: K to marker, sm, k2, ssk, knit to 4 sts before bor, k2tog, k2

2: Knit 1 round

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have 60, 64, 68 sts

Keep your markers on your needles, as you'll be using them for the toe decreases.

Knit until the sock is 1.5" shorter than your desired length. Your desired length should be the length of your foot from heel to longest toe.

## toe

1: K2, ssk, k to 4 sts before your marker, k2tog, k2, sm, k2, ssk, k to 4 sts before the end of round, k2tog, k2 (4 sts decreased)

2: Knit 1 round

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have 24 sts (all sizes).

Kitchener stitch toe shut.

## Thank you!

Thanks for making the Bookwork Socks! I hope you enjoy making these fun socks as much as I did. Please share your project with us on Instagram (@fireflyfiberarts) or Ravelry! I'd love to see your creations!

If you have any questions about the pattern, or notice a possible inconsistency, please email us at [firefly@fireflyfiberarts.com](mailto:firefly@fireflyfiberarts.com)