

Samurai Sandal Socks

Two samurai meet, draw their needles and yarn, and knit the perfect pair of socks to wear with their sandals. The pattern is a little open so their toes can catch the occasional breeze. It also changes direction every now and then and weaves back and forth, like any two good samurai knitters should do after a little too much sun and saki.

Size: Women's medium

Yarn: 100g sock/fingering weight.

Needles: set of 5 US #2 / 2.75 mm double-point needles

Gauge: 8 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

slip = slip purlwise unless pattern specifies knitwise

yo = yarn over (hold yarn in front when working the next stitch in the pattern)

Pattern:

(multiple of 6 stitches)

Rounds 1, 3 and 5: *yo, slip 1, k2, pass slipped stitch over the two knit stitches, k3*, repeat pattern between *'s to the end of the round.

Round 2 and all even numbered rounds including Round 12: knit all stitches

Rounds 7, 9 and 11: *k3, yo, slip 1, k2, pass slipped stitch over the two knit stitches*, repeat pattern between *'s to the end of the round

Cuff:

Cast on 64 stitches.

Divide evenly between needles (16 sts on each needle) and join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist. After a few rounds, you may want to place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round to make the beginning of the round easy to identify.

Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 2 inches. In the last round of ribbing, increase 2 stitches evenly spaced in the row so that there is now 66 stitches

Switch to Pattern stitch, and work rounds 1-12 of the pattern stitch 4 times.

Set-up Row for Heel:

Knit 16 stitches. Turn. Slip 1 stitch, p31 stitches. You now have 32 stitches on one needle for the heel, and 34 stitches divided between the other two needles for the instep. Turn.

Heel:

Heel flap will be worked back and forth on these 32 stitches; keep remaining 32 stitches on hold for instep.

Row 1: (slip 1, knit 1) to end of row. Turn.

Row 2: slip 1, purl remaining stitches. Turn.

Repeat these 2 rows 16 times more. Repeat Row 1 one more time. There will now be 18 slipped sts along each side edge of the heel flap.

Turn Heel:

Row 1: slip 1, p 16, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 2: slip 1, k3, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 3: slip 1, p4, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 4: slip 1, k5, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 5: slip 1, p6, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 6: slip 1, k7, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 7: slip 1, p8, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 8: slip 1, k9, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 9: slip 1, p10, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 10: slip 1, k11, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 11: slip 1, p12, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 12: slip 1, k13, ssk, k1.

Row 13: slip 1, p14, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 14: slip 1, k15, ssk, k1.

18 stitches left on needle.

Pick up Gusset Stitches:

When working round 1 of gusset, needles will be designated Needle 1, Needle 2, and Needle 3, and they will retain those designations throughout the rest of the sock.

Using Needle 1, pick up 18 stitches along side edge of heel flap, working 1 stitch in each slipped stitch. Then pick up and knit 1 stitch between instep stitches and heel stitches.

Using Needle 2, work next 34 stitches in stockinette stitch. These stitches are now referred to as the stitches on Needle 2.

Using Needles 3 and 4, pick up and knit 1 stitch between instep stitches and top of heel flap, and then pick up and knit 18 stitches along side edge of heel flap, then knit remaining 9 stitches of heel flap. These stitches are now referred to as the stitches on Needle 3.

There are now 28 stitches on Needle 1, 34 stitches on Needle 2, and 28 stitches on Needle 3.

Gusset Decreases:

Round 1:

On Needle 1: knit to last 3 stitches before instep, k2tog, k1.

On Needle 2: knit all stitches across instep

On Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit rest of stitches on Needle 3.

Round 2:

On Needle 1: Knit all stitches

On Needle 2: Knit all stitches across instep

On Needle 3: Knit all stitches

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until 16 stitches remain on Needle 1 and Needle 3. There are now 66 stitches divided between Needle 1, Needle 2, and Needle 3.

Continue to work Round 2 until the foot measures the desired length to the Toe Decreases.

Toe Decreases:

Start Toe Decreases 2 inches before desired length of sock.

Round 1:

On Needle 1: Knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1;

On Needle 2: k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1;

On Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit rest of stitches on Needle 3.

Round 2:

Knit all stitches

Repeat these 2 rounds until there are 8 stitches on Needle 1, 16 stitches on Needle 2, and 8 stitches on Needle 3.

Then repeat Round 1 until 4 stitches remain on Needle 1, 8 stitches remain on Needle 3, and 4 stitches remain on Needle 3.

Kitchener toe and weave in ends.

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