

Can't Go Wrong Socks

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Complete reversibility is the key feature of these socks. I designed them so that no matter how they end up after my husband peels them off, they can go into the wash and back on his feet without worrying about which side is the right side. How old are men before they learn to take better care of their socks, anyway?

This pair of socks was knit with worsted weight yarn on US size 3 needles, but the pattern is easily adapted to any size yarn and needle gauge. These fit a mens size 12 shoe.

The stitch pattern is worked over 2 rounds and is a 4-stitch repeat. So, whatever yarn weight and needle size you prefer to use, do a gauge swatch and then base your cast on number accordingly, in multiples of 4.



Materials:

3 balls (150 grams) Schoeller Stahl Big Print in Color #7930
2 US #3 (3.25 mm) 24" circular needles or double pointed needles if you prefer
Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

K	Knit
P	Purl
s/w/t	Slip 1 stitch, bring working yarn to the front, and return it to the left needle, then turn the work.

Can't Go Wrong Rib Stitch Pattern:

Round 1	*K3, P1*
Round 2	*K1, P3*

Gauge:

Worked in pattern with size #3 needles, 20 stitches = 3 inches, unstretched, 7 rows per inch.

Cuff:

Using the needles and method of your choice, cast on 56 stitches. Divide into instep and sole stitches if using two circular needles, or arrange onto double pointed needles. Work K1, P1 ribbing for 1"

Leg:

Begin Can't Go Wrong Rib Stitch pattern and work for 4", ending after Round 2.

Garter Stitch Short Row Heel:

The heel is worked flat over 34 stitches. If you are using a different number of total stitches, work the heel over 60% of your total cast on stitches, rearranging stitches on the needles as necessary. As a rule of thumb, you will want to leave 1/3 of the heel stitches unwrapped in the middle of the needle, with 1/3 of the stitches on either side that have been slipped and wrapped. These will be wrapped again as you work back up the heel.

With right side facing, work the reversible heel and decreasing with short rows as follows:

Row 1	K33, s/w/t	Row 13	K21, s/w/t
Row 2	K32, s/w/t	Row 14	K20, s/w/t
Row 3	K31, s/w/t	Row 15	K19, s/w/t
Row 4	K30, s/w/t	Row 16	K18, s/w/t
Row 5	K29, s/w/t	Row 17	K17, s/w/t
Row 6	K28, s/w/t	Row 18	K16, s/w/t
Row 7	K27, s/w/t	Row 19	K15, s/w/t
Row 8	K26, s/w/t	Row 20	K14, s/w/t
Row 9	K25, s/w/t	Row 21	K13, s/w/t
Row 10	K24, s/w/t	Row 22	K12, s/w/t
Row 11	K23, s/w/t	Row 23	K11, s/w/t
Row 12	K22, s/w/t	Row 24	K10, s/w/t

Begin increasing, wrapping each slipped stitch again as you work back up.

Row 1	K10, s/w/t	Row 13	K21, s/w/t
Row 2	K10, s/w/t	Row 14	K22, s/w/t
Row 3	K11, s/w/t	Row 15	K23, s/w/t
Row 4	K12, s/w/t	Row 16	K24, s/w/t
Row 5	K13, s/w/t	Row 17	K25, s/w/t
Row 6	K14, s/w/t	Row 18	K26, s/w/t
Row 7	K15, s/w/t	Row 19	K27, s/w/t
Row 8	K16, s/w/t	Row 20	K28, s/w/t
Row 9	K17, s/w/t	Row 21	K29, s/w/t
Row 10	K18, s/w/t	Row 22	K30, s/w/t
Row 11	K19, s/w/t	Row 23	K31, s/w/t
Row 12	K20, s/w/t	Row 24	K32, s/w/t
		Row 25	K33

You are now ready to resume knitting the instep stitches.

Foot:

The foot section will be worked in the Can't Go Wrong Rib Stitch pattern for the instep and in a K1, P1 rib for the sole stitches.

Round 1 Instep *K3, P1*
Round 1 Sole *K1, P1*

Round 2 Instep *K1, P3*
Round 2 Sole *K1, P1*

Knit the foot until it is 1¾" less than the desired foot length, and then begin the short row reversible toe.

Toe:

Row 1	K27, s/w/t	Row 10	K18, s/w/t
Row 2	K26, s/w/t	Row 11	K17, s/w/t
Row 3	K25, s/w/t	Row 12	K16, s/w/t
Row 4	K24, s/w/t	Row 13	K15, s/w/t
Row 5	K23, s/w/t	Row 14	K14, s/w/t
Row 6	K22, s/w/t	Row 15	K13, s/w/t
Row 7	K21, s/w/t	Row 16	K12, s/w/t
Row 8	K20, s/w/t	Row 17	K11, s/w/t
Row 9	K19, s/w/t	Row 18	K10, s/w/t

Begin increasing, wrapping each slipped stitch again as you work back up.

Row 1	K10, s/w/t	Row 11	K19, s/w/t
Row 2	K10, s/w/t	Row 12	K20, s/w/t
Row 3	K11, s/w/t	Row 13	K21, s/w/t
Row 4	K12, s/w/t	Row 14	K22, s/w/t
Row 5	K13, s/w/t	Row 15	K23, s/w/t
Row 6	K14, s/w/t	Row 16	K24, s/w/t
Row 7	K15, s/w/t	Row 17	K25, s/w/t
Row 8	K16, s/w/t	Row 18	K26, s/w/t
Row 9	K17, s/w/t	Row 19	K27
Row 10	K18, s/w/t		

Cut yarn and graft the toe closed with kitchener stitch. Weave in all ends invisibly.