



Bocchi & Pocchi socks

Materials

1 ball of DK yarn in blue

1 ball of DK yarn in red

Socks

Using size 1 (2.5cm) double-pointed needles, cast on 42 sts onto 3 needles (14 sts each) in yarn A (blue). Join in round.

Work 6 rounds in 1 x 1 rib as follows:

Row1: *K1, p1, rep from * to end of round.

Rep this until work measures 5cm.

Cut yarn. Change to yarn B (red).

Work 6cm in st st (knit every round). Cut yarn.

Divide for heel

Change to yarn A and knit across 21 sts. Leave rem 21 sts unknitted on one needle for instep.

Work 21 sts for heel straight on 2 needles as follows:

Row1: Sl 1p, p to end.

Row2: Sl 1k, k to end.

Work these 2 rows 7 more times. 16 rows

Next row: Rep Row1. 17 rows

Turn heel

Row 1: K13, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

Row 2: Sl 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row3: Sl 1, k7, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, turn.

Row4: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row5: Sl 1, k9, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, turn.

Row6: Sl 1, p10, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row7: Sl 1, k11, sl 1, k1, pssso, k0, turn.

Row8: Sl 0, p12, p2tog, p0, turn.

13 sts rem on needle.

K7 sts and leave on one needle; this completes the heel.

Cut yarn.

Change to yarn B and knit rem 6 sts in yarn B with extra needle to work in the round. With the same needle, pick up and knit 9 sts along side of heel. (The slipped stitches at the beg of rows will help you to see where to pick up the stitches.)

With 2nd needle, knit across instep.

With 3rd needle, pick up and knit 9 sts along other side of heel, k7 sts of heel. (Remember that the last st of 3rd needle is the last st of the round.) 52 sts

Knit 1 round straight as outlined.

Shape instep

Round1: Knit to last 3sts of 1st needle, k2tog, k1; knit across all sts of instep on 2nd needle; on 3rd needle k1, k2tog, k to end of needle. 50 sts

Round2: Knit to end.

Rep these 2 rounds until 42sts rem.

Cont on these sts working straight in st st in the round until work measures 7cm from heel (measure from the darker colour of heel).

Knit to last 3sts of 1st needle, k2tog, k1; knit across all sts of instep on 2nd needle; on 3rd needle k1, k2tog, k to end of needle. 40 sts

Knit 4 rounds.

Shape toe

Round 1: *K6, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to end.

Round 3: *K5, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 4: Knit to end.

Round 5: *K4, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 6: Knit to end.

Round 7: *K3, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 8: *K2, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Round 9: *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round.

Cut yarn and thread it through sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

To finish

Cut the eyes and mouth from felt then stick them in place. (For Pocchi's patch)

Cut an oval from felt and blanket stitch the edge. Attach a Velcro patch to the back so it sticks to the sock.