

Bulky-Weight Socks for Magic Loop, Toe-Up or Top-Down by Liat Gat



Materials:

Yarn: 120 yds bulky-weight yarn.

If working two socks at one time, you'll need two separate balls of yarn.

Gauge: 3.5 sts/in in St st.

Needles: US #10½ – whatever kind you use to knit in the round (DPNs, magic loop, 2 circulars, etc.)
OR whatever size YOU require to obtain correct gauge. Gauge matters, needle size doesn't.

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors.

Sizes: Small-Medium (Medium-Large)

Finished Measurements:

Foot circumference: 7(8) inches

Length: customizable to exact foot length

Abbreviations/Terms:

St st (stockinette stitch): Knit all right-side sts, purl all wrong-side sts (when you are knitting in the round, as we are for this project, simply knit all sts).

CO: Cast on

PM: Place marker

BOR: Beginning of round

Sl 1: Slip 1 st from L needle to R needle without knitting (or purling) it. If you want to be picky, when you are knitting, slip as if to knit. When you are purling, slip as if to purl.

M1L: Insert L needle from front to back under stretch of yarn between sts. K tbl

M1R: Insert L needle from back to front under stretch of yarn between sts. K the front loop

K2tog (knit 2 together): Knit 2 sts together by inserting the needle into both sts at once

P2tog (purl 2 together): Purl 2 sts together by inserting the needle into both sts at once

SSK: Slip 1 st as if to knit, repeat, then knit those 2 sts together

BO: Bind off

Instep: The part of the sock opposite the heel (front of ankle).

Pattern Notes:

Instructions are provided for making the socks either *toe-up* or *top-down* – it's up to you!

See special techniques section at end of pattern for links to video/text tutorials (items with more information are marked with a **)

The toe-up heel shaping is taken directly from [Fleegle's](#) blog.

Toe-Up Version

Toe:

For both sizes, using Judy's Magic Cast-On,** CO 8 sts, 4 on each needle.

Prepare to knit in the round. PM into stitch to indicate BOR.

Round 1: Knit (note: you will need to knit the sts on the second needle through the back loops).

Round 2: (K1, M1L, K to last st on needle, M1R, K1), repeat on other needle.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until there are 12(14) sts on each needle [24(28) sts total].

Foot:

Knit in the round until sock reaches the front of your ankle. Hint: try the sock on and pull it as snug as you like your socks. Flex your foot. Does the knitting reach your ankle? Then stop and go to the gusset.

Gusset:

Round 1:

Needle 1 (heel needle): K1, M1L, K to last st on needle, M1R, K1.

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 until the heel needle contains 22(26) sts.

Turn Heel:

Begin working back and forth across heel as follows: PM at midpoint between sts.

Row 1: K to 2 sts beyond marker, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, P5, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, K6, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, P7, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, K8, SSK, K1, turn.

Continue working back-and-forth as established: working up to the "gap" and working the two sts on either side of the "gap" together, working one more, then turning.

When your K1 after your K2tog is the last st in the heel, resume knitting in the round.

Knit across instep needle. Then...

Round 1:

Needle 1 (heel needle): K1, K2tog, K to end of needle (you should have 14(16) sts on heel needle).

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit.

Round 2:

Needle 1 (heel needle): K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1.

Needle 2 (instep needle): Knit (you should have 12(14) sts on heel needle).

Ankle:

Work in St st for 2 rnds.

Cuff:

Round 1: *K1, P1, rep from * to end of round.

Repeat round 1 for 1.5 in (about 7 rnds).

BO, using the invisible ribbed bind-off** or any other stretchy bind-off.

Using tapestry needle, weave in all ends securely. Block (optional) and enjoy!

Top-down Version

Cuff:

Beginning at the top of the sock, cast on 24(28) sts.

Divide for magic loop as follows:

Size Small-Medium: 10 sts on one needle (instep needle), 14 sts on the other (heel needle).

Size Medium-Large: 14 sts on each needle.

Making sure there are no twists in the round, join for working in the round.

PM for BOR.

Rounds 1-7: *K1, P1, rep from * to end of round.

Next two rounds: Work in St st.

Heel flap (worked back and forth on heel needle – the one that has 14 sts):

Row 1: Sl 1, K 13 (across the heel needle). You may want to place a marker into this first row so it is easy to count your rows later on. TURN.

Row 2: Sl 1, P across heel flap (13 sts).

Repeat Rows 1-2 until your heel flap is 16 rows tall. You should be ready to work a K row.

Turn heel:

Row 1- Sl 1, K6, SKP, K1, turn.

Row 2- Sl 1, P1, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3- Sl 1, K2, SKP, K1, turn.

Row 4- Sl 1, P3, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 5- Sl 1, K4, SKP, K 1.

Resume knitting in the round.

Pick up sts for heel gusset:

PM, and using the same (heel) needle, pick up and knit 9 sts along the L side of the heel.
K across instep.

Pick up and knit 9 sts along the other side of the heel.

Next: K1, K2tog. K across all heel sts until there are 3 sts left on left-hand needle.

Next: K2tog, K1.

You should have 25 sts on the heel needle. 10(14) sts still remain on instep needle.

Gusset:

Round 1 (heel needle): K1, SKP, K to end.

(instep needle): K all sts.

Round 2 (heel needle): K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

(instep needle): K all sts.

Continue to work rounds 1-2 until 14 sts remain on heel needle [24(28) sts in all].

Foot:

Work in St st until foot of sock (including heel) measures 2 in less than desired length. To find the finished length your sock should be, stand barefoot on a sheet of paper. Using a pencil, make a

mark in front of your big toe, and another behind your heel. Measure the length between the marks and add ¼ inch. This is your finished length. Alternatively, just try on the sock.

ALERT: For size Small-Medium, adjust the number of sts on your instep needle. Transfer one st from each side, bringing the number of sts on both needles to 12.

Toe:

Round 1: *(K1, SKP, K to last 3 sts on needle, K2tog, K1), rep from * on other needle.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat rounds 1-2 until 4 sts remain on each needle (8 sts total).

Finishing:

Break yarn, leaving a 12” tail, and using a tapestry needle, graft toe using Kitchener st.**

Here are some easy notes to remember the steps of Kitchener st:

Setup:

Front needle: P

Back needle: K

Weaving:

Front needle: K off P

Back needle: P off K

repeat until all sts are worked.

Tips: remember to keep the yarn UNDER the needles. Don't pull too tight – just nice and even.

Using tapestry needle, weave in all ends securely.

Block (optional) and enjoy!

****Special Instructions:**

Judy's Magic Cast On:

video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19jVjlay5Lk>

Invisible Ribbed Bind-Off:

video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23uJSGokBDA>

Kitchener Stitch:

video: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips> (scroll down to Finishing)



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