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# Carole's Multi-Purpose Sock Pattern



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*This pattern formula creates a nice "one size fits many" pair of socks using any of the trendy sock yarns currently on the market.*

*It's easy to adjust this pattern for other sizes using the stitch gauge. For example, to add another inch to the instep, simply knit 11 more rows (11 rows = 1 inch).*

*Check the ribber alignment, sponge bars and lubrication before starting the socks for best results.*

**Machine:** any standard gauge 4.5mm knitting machine with ribber, or use G-Carriage to do ribbing

**Yarn:** approximately 2 ½ to 3 ounces of yarn needed – or one 100 gram skein

*recommended yarns available from our store:*

Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece (Fine Weight) 80% pima cotton/20% merino wool

Brown Sheep Wildfoote 75% washable wool/25% nylon in 1.75 ounce skeins

Trekking XXL by Zitron 75% superwash wool/25% nylon, variegated for instant sock stripes

Angora Lace by Universal 20% angora/30%nylon/50%superwash merino wool

Ready to Dye Dyeable Sock Yarn: 75%superwash wool/25% nylon

**Gauge:** 8 stitches = 1 inch, 11 rows = 1 inch

**Size:** medium, measures 9 inches from heel to toe *See the project notes above to change the size.*

**NOTE: Make two socks, reverse the shaping on the second sock.**

Cast-on 66 stitches 33 -0- 33 for double-bed cast-on and set for 1x1 ribbing according to the instruction manual (or do G-Carriage ribbing).

Tension 4/4 (or G-Carriage Tension 4 - ), do 1x1 rib for 5 rows.

Continue with 4/4 (or G-Carriage Tension 5), rib for 30 rows. Transfer all stitches to main bed for regular stockinette knitting (or switch to main carriage if the G-Carriage was used).

RC000, Tension 6. Knit 50 rows or desired length down to heel.

**Heel:** RC050, Tension 5. Set carriage for hold. Shape heel by short rowing down to 14 needles in this manner: put half of the stitches opposite the carriage into hold position, then one needle in hold on carriage side each row until there are 14 stitches left in work. Then short row back out by putting one needle back in work opposite the carriage each row, until all heel stitches are back in work. Shut off hold setting on carriage.

Continue with sole of stocking: RC000 Tension 6, knit 56 rows.

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# Carole's Multi-Purpose Sock Pattern (Continued)

**Toe:** *Work toe the same side as heel.* Set carriage for hold. Put half of the stitches opposite the carriage into hold position. *Hint: If the carriage is on the wrong side, knit 1 extra row.* Tension 5, continue shaping as for heel.

When toe is complete, shut off hold setting on carriage. Tension 6, knit 1 row over all needles.

Scrap off. Seam toe by folding in half and Kitchener stitch together.

**Garter Bar Option:** *Take off on garter bar. Put half of stitches (public side facing you) back on machine. Turn garter bar over and place the other half of the stitches on the same needles... two stitches on each needle: one in the hook and one behind the latch... Pull stitches through each other to make one stitch on each needle. Do "Latch Tool Bind Off" (sometimes called Crochet Cast Off).*

Sew side seam. Make second sock and reverse the shaping.



*Two skeins of Fortissima Socka were needed to make a pair of socks using the Multi-Purpose Sock Pattern, with yarn left over.*



*Only one skein of Trekking XXL is needed to complete one pair of socks using this Multi-Purpose Sock Pattern.*

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Carole's popular book featuring the "No-Shape Slipper Sock" in 6 sizes for ALL machine gauges, also lace socks & tube socks.