

# Haystack

For the uncooperative colorway.



In the leg pattern, the purl stitches are made into large loops by wrapping the yarn three times around the needle during purling. When you come back around, drop two of the loops made by wrapping off of the needle leaving one very loose slipped stitch. It looks messy, but it will all work out.

Slip leg stitches purlwise with the yarn held in back.

## Materials

About 440 yards of sock yarn (example shown in Sunshine Yarns, "Harvest")

1 set of 4 double-pointed needles US size 0 (or size to obtain gauge)

## Size

Women's Medium

## Gauge

8.5 stitches to 1 inch for an 8.5 inch leg (relaxed)

9 stitches to an inch for an 8 inch leg (relaxed)

## Leg

Cast on 72 sts, divide evenly onto three needles (24-24-24). Join without twisting.

## Cuff

Work in \*k2, p2\* ribbing for 1.5"

## Leg

Work rounds 1-16 of hay stack pattern 4 times. Work rounds 1-8 again.

The leg should measure about 7 inches from the cast on edge.

## Haystack Pattern

**Round 1:** \*k2, (p1, wrapping yarn around needle three times) twice, k2 rep from \* to end of round

**Round 2:** \*k2, (s1 dropping 2 of the wrapped loops off of the needle) twice, k2 rep from \* to end

**Rounds 3, 4, 5, 6:** \*k2, s2, k2 rep from \* to end of round

**Rounds 7, 8:** Knit all stitches

**Round 9:** \*(p1, wrapping yarn around needle three times), k4, (p1, wrapping yarn around needle three times) rep from \* to end of round

**Round 10:** \*s1 dropping 2 of the wrapped loops off of the needle, k4, s1 dropping 2 of the wrapped loops off of the needle, repeat from \* to end of round

**Round 11, 12, 13, 14:** \*s1, k4, s1 repeat from \* to end of round

**Rounds 15, 16:** knit all stitches

## Heel

Rearrange your stitches so that there are 36 stitches on Needle One and 18 stitches each on Needles two and Three.

### Heel Flap

Working back and forth on the 36 stitches of needle one:

*Row 1 (RS):* \*s1, k1 repeat from \* across row

*Row 2:* s1, p across row

Repeat these two rows until the heel flap reaches 2.5 inches (about 20 repetitions). End with a wrong side row.

### Heel Turn

Continuing to work back and forth on the 36 stitches of Needle One:

*Row 1:* \*s1, k1 repeat from \* across 24 sts, ssk, TURN

*Row 2:* s1, p12, p2tog, TURN

*Row 3:* \*s1, k1 repeat from \* across 12 sts, s1, ssk, TURN

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until all heel flap stitches have been worked (14 sts remain).

### Gusset

Divide the 14 stitches of the heel onto two needles. Combine the 36 stitches from Needles Two and Three onto one needle (instep). K7. The

round now begins and ends in the center of the heel (Needle One holds 7sts, Needle Two has 36sts and Needle Three has 7sts).

### **Pick up Gusset Stitches**

K across the 7 sts on Needle One. Pick up and knit 21 sts along the heel flap. Work across the instep sts on needle two. Pick up and knit 21 sts along the heel flap and knit the 7 sts on Needle Three. (28-36-28 sts on the needles)

*Note:* If you want to continue the pattern on the instep, work Round 9 as: k5, \*(p1 wrapping needle three times) twice, k4 rep from star to last 5 sts, k5

Then slip the purl sts as usual for rounds 10-14.

### **Shape the Gusset**

#### *Round 1*

Needle 1: k all sts

Needle 2: Work across needle

Needle 3: k all sts

#### *Round 2*

Needle 1: k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: Work across needle

Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to the end of needle

Repeat these two rows until a total of 72 sts remains on the needles (18-36-18). This should be 12 repetitions.

### **Foot**

Continue working as established until the foot, measured from the back of the heel, is 1.5 inches shorter than the total desired foot length. If you have continued the leg pattern down the top of the foot, keep an eye on your progress so that you can end on round 6 or round 14.

*Note:* It is possible to taper the pattern down the toe by dropping one set of hay-stacks from each end on each successive repeat (by repeat, I mean

rounds 1-8 and rounds 1-16; by haystacks, I mean the big, loopy stitches). For instance, if you have ended the foot on round 14 (with 5 haystacks across the top of the foot), work rounds 1-6 with only the 4 middle haystacks. At the same time, work the toe decreases as indicated. If you want to plan ahead and create a more noticeable taper, begin dropping haystacks on the repeat before the end of the foot. There is enough length in the toe for one more repeat. This is not as hard to do as it is to explain!

## **Toe**

### *Round 1*

Needle 1: k to the last three sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to the last three sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle

### *Round 2*

Work all stitches evenly (no decreases)

Repeat these two rounds six times (48 stitches remain).

Repeat Round 1 six more times. (24 stitches remain)

Knit the 6 stitches from Needle 1 onto Needle 3. Break yarn leaving an 8 inch tail. Graft (kitchener) live toe stitches together. Weave in ends. Repeat procedure for second sock.

## **Abbreviations**

K - knit

P - Purl

S - slip

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

P2tog - Purl 2 stitches together

SSK - (slip, slip, knit) Slip two stitches as if to knit, stick the point of the left needle through the two slipped stitches in front of the right needle) and knit them together.

WS - Wrong Side (or the work)

RS - Right Side (of the work)

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