

Snow Leopard Trust Handspun Camel Socks

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Yarn: Less than one skein (about 170 yards) of Snow Leopard Trust Handspun Camel worsted weight yarn.

Sizes: Small/Medium (S/M) & Medium/Large (M/L)

Needles & Tools: For size S/M, a set of 4 US Size 8 (5mm) dpns, and for size M/L, a set of US Size 9 (5.5mm) dpns, or size needed to obtain gauge, tapestry needle, scissors, tape measure.

Gauge: For S/M: 9 sts = 2 inches, for M/L: 8 sts = 2 inches, over stockinette stitch, in the round.

PATTERN: (make 2)

Cast on 36 sts loosely (I like the long-tail cast-on, but with this cast-on method, one side looks nicer (has a more crisp edge than the other). Begin your knitting accordingly. Divide onto 3 needles as follows: 11 sts on needle 1, 14 sts on needle 2, and 11 sts on needle 3. Join into circle, being careful not to twist. Let hanging yarn end mark the end/beginning of each round.

CUFF: Work *K1, P1* ribbing for 1".

LEG:

Knit even for 1" (to 2" long). (36 sts)

Decrease Round 1: K7, ssk, k18, k2tog, k7. (34 sts)

Knit even to 3" long. (34 sts)

Decrease Round 2: K6, ssk, k18, k2tog, k6. (32 sts)

Knit even to 4" long. (32 sts)

Decrease Round 3: K5, ssk, k18, k2tog, k5. (30 sts)

Knit even to 5" long. (30 sts)

Decrease Round 4: K4, ssk, k18, k2tog, k4. (28 sts)

Knit even to 8" long, working last round only through needles 1 & 2. Slip the unworked 7 sts on needle 3 to needle 1, so there are 14 sts on this needle. Set aside extra needle. Proceed to heel flap.

HEEL FLAP: For now, you will be working back and forth on the 14 sts combined from needles 1 & 3.

Row 1: *Slip 1, knit 1* across, turn.

Row 2: Slip 1, Purl across remaining sts, turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 six more times (14 rows including the first two), then repeat row 1 once more (15 rows total).

TURN THE HEEL:

Row 1: P9, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: Sl1, k5, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 3: Sl1, p to 1 st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: Sl1, k to 1 st before gap, k2tog, k1. (10 sts)

GUSSET:

Continuing on same needle, pick up & knit 8 sts along side of heel flap (needle #1). Pick up a needle (#2) and work across 14 held instep sts. With empty needle (needle #3), pick up & knit 8 sts along other side of heel flap and then knit 5 sts from (next) needle #1 onto this needle. Now, needles #1 & #3 each have 13 sts and needle #2 has 14 sts (40 sts total).

Round 1: K all sts.

Round 2 - Decrease Round –

Needle 1: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle 2: Knit all sts.

Needle 3: K1, ssk, k to end.

Repeat Rounds 1 & 2 until there are 28 sts total (needles 1 & 3 each have 7 sts, and needle 2 has 14 sts).

FOOT:

Knit all sts, all rounds until length from back of heel is 7" for S/M or 7.5" for M/L (or 1.5" less than desired finished length).

TOE DECREASES:**Round 1 -**

Needle 1: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Needle 2: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 3: K1, ssk, k to end

Round 2 – Knit all sts.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 16 sts total (needles 1 & 3 each have 4 sts, and needle 2 has 8 sts).

FINISHING:

Continuing to knit with needle 3, knit the 4 sts from needle 1. All sts are now on two needles (8 sts each).

Cut the yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread it through a tapestry needle. Hold the work so that the yarn tail comes from the back right. Keep the yarn under the needles as you work.

Step 1: Thread needle through first st on front needle as if to purl, leave st on the needle.

Step 2: Thread needle through first st on back needle as if to knit, leave the st on the needle.

Step 3: Thread needle through first st on front needle as if to knit, pull the st off the needle.

Step 4: Thread needle through next st on front needle as if to purl, leave st on the needle.

Step 5: Thread needle through first st on back needle as if to purl, pull st off of the needle.

Step 6: Thread needle through next st on back needle as if to knit, leave the st on the needle.

Repeat steps 3 through 6 until all sts are worked. Tie off yarn and weave in ends.

Snow Leopard Trust Camel Sock! Yay!

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