

# Cactus

## Socks

### Cactus pattern diagram:

= K on RS, P on WS

= P on RS, K on WS

▲ = SL1WYB

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I would love to see your socks on Instagram! Tag with @hettestrikk, and #caktussocks if you want. Lykke til! (Good luck!)

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Size: Lady / Man (str. 35-52)

Yarn: Ca. 70 g Fingering Sock Yarn for size 39

**Needles:** 2,25 mm / 3 mm **Gauge:** 30/10 / 28/10

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Toe up socks.

Needle 1 is under foot, needle 2 is over foot using magic loop.

The ladies' socks have a 30/10 gauge, the men's socks a 28/10 gauge. You can find the length on the table.

#### Abbreviations:

**SSK** = slip, slip, knit

**KFB** = Knit in front and back of the same stitch

**RS** = Right side

WS = Wrong side

#### Toe:

CO 11 sts on each needle with Judy's magic cast on. Totally 22 sts. K 1 round.

Toe increasing:

- Round. 1: \*KFB, K until there are 2 sts left on needle 1, KFB, k1 \* Repeat \*-\* for needle 2.
- Round, 2: K

Keep knitting round 1 and 2 until you have 63 sts. 31 for each needle. End with round 2.

#### Foot:

Now knit Cactus pattern according to diagram on last page. Pattern on top of foot, stockinette under. **BUT: The cactus pattern pulls together, so you have to turn the work and knit round 4 from the wrong side. Turn work again and start over from round 1.** You will now have an extra round on top of foot, so both sides will be the same length. To avoid getting a gap between needle 1 and 2, pick up a thread between the two needles on each side and knit together with the next stitch.

Follow the table for full foot length. The heel measures ca. 8 cm.

#### Heel wedge:

Increasing for the heel wedge (needle 1):

- Round 1, needle 1: KFB, K until there are 2 sts left on needle 1. KFB. K1
- Round.1, needle 2: Follow the diagram. (Turn work and knit round 4 as usual)
- Round 2. needle 1: K
- Round 2, needle 2: Follow the diagram.

Repeat until you have 55 sts on needle 1.

52	34.0
51	33.4
50	32.7
49	32.1
48	31.4
47	30.8
46	30.1
45	29.5
44	28.8
43	28.1
42	27.5
41	26.8
40	26.2
39	25.5
38	24.8
37	24.2
36	23.5
35	22.9

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#### Heel:

Now you only knit with needle 1 to shape the heel. The heel will have the cactus pattern like on top of foot.

Before starting, place 1 marker on each side of the middle 7 sts:

K 24, PM, knit as diagram shows for 7 sts, PM, k 24. Turn work. P 24, SLM, knit as diagram shows for 7 sts, SLM, P2. Turn work.

Now you will decrease the sts you increased for the heel wedge while adding cactus pattern on each side of the 7 sts. Remove markers.

- Round 1 RS: K24, 7 sts cactus, SSK, K1, turn work.
- Round 2 WS: SL1, 8 sts cactus, P2TOG, P1, turn work.
- Round. 3 RS: SL1, k cactus until 1 sts before gap, SSK, K1, turn work.
- Round. 4 WS: SL1, k cactus until 1 sts before gap, P2TOG, P1, turn work.

Repeat round 3 and 4 until you have 31 sts on needle 1.

Remember to add more cactus pattern. See photo>>

End the heel knitting on the same round as on top of foot. Just add some more rows on the heel if you have to.

#### Leq:

To avoid gap between needle 1 and 2:

Pick up 1 st between needle 1 and 2. K the last sts, the new one, and the next st together. Do this for both sides. = 2 sts decreased.

K cactus in the round for ca. 5 cm.

#### Cuff:

K10 rounds.

Bind of with Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off.

