

snow-day socks

Cozy up with these fun foot warmers—with our step-by-step instructions, you'll be a pro in no time.

By Janet Rehfeldt



SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements

9½"/24cm foot to cuff

7 (7¼, 8¼, 9½, 10¼)"/18 (19.5, 22, 24, 26)cm leg circumference and foot circumference

note all measurements are for sock folded flat and not stretched.

gauge

19½ hdc and 14½ rounds = 4"/10 cm using size E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

With E/4 (3.5mm) hook, ch 22.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across to end - 20 hdc.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Repeat last row 13 more times, for a total of 15 rows. Fasten off. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notes

1 When using self-patterning yarn, be sure to begin each sock with the same color sequence.

2 Rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds, do not turn and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

SOCK (make 2)

cuff

With D/3 (3.25mm) hook, ch 11.

Row 1 Working in back hump of chain, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end - 10 sl st.

Row 2 Turn, ch 1, working in back lps only, sl st in each sl st across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 6½ (7, 7¼, 8¼, 9)"/16.5 (18, 18.5, 21, 23)cm. Do not fasten off.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	sl st	slip stitch
dec	decrease(ing)	st(s)	stitch(es)
hdc	half double crochet	yo	yarn over
lp(s)	loop(s)	*	Repeat directions following * as many times as directed.
rem	remain(ing)		
sc	single crochet		

special abbreviations

long single crochet (Lsc) Insert hook in indicated st in indicated row below, yarn over, draw up a long lp up to level of working row, yo and draw through both lps on hook.

sc2tog (sc 2 stitches together) [Insert hook into next st, yo, draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

leg

note leg rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds, do not turn and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

Round 1 Pivot cuff to work along long edge; work 34 (38, 42, 46, 40) sc evenly spaced along edge; join with sl st in first sc to form a circle - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) sc.

Change to E/4 (3.5mm) hook.

Round 2 Hdc in same st as join, place marker to mark beginning of rounds, hdc in each sc around; do not join - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Round 3 Hdc in each hdc around; do not join - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Repeat Round 3, moving round marker up with each round, until piece measures 6½"/16.5cm from beginning (including cuff).

Flatten piece so that seam of cuff is at side edge. Work hdc in each st to a side edge, making sure that seam will end at inside of leg when sock is finished. Do not fasten off.

heel

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, ch 1, sc in next 17 (19, 21,

what you'll need

YARN

MODA DEA *Sassy Stripes*, 1.76oz/50g balls, each approx 135yd/147m (acrylic)

n 3 balls #6946 Crush (for all sizes)

(For foot larger than women's size 9 shoe, you may need additional yarn).

CROCHET HOOK

n Sizes D/3 (3.25 mm) and E/4 (3.5mm) crochet hooks *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

n 3 stitch markers

n Yarn needle

the yarn

Sassy Stripes in Crush

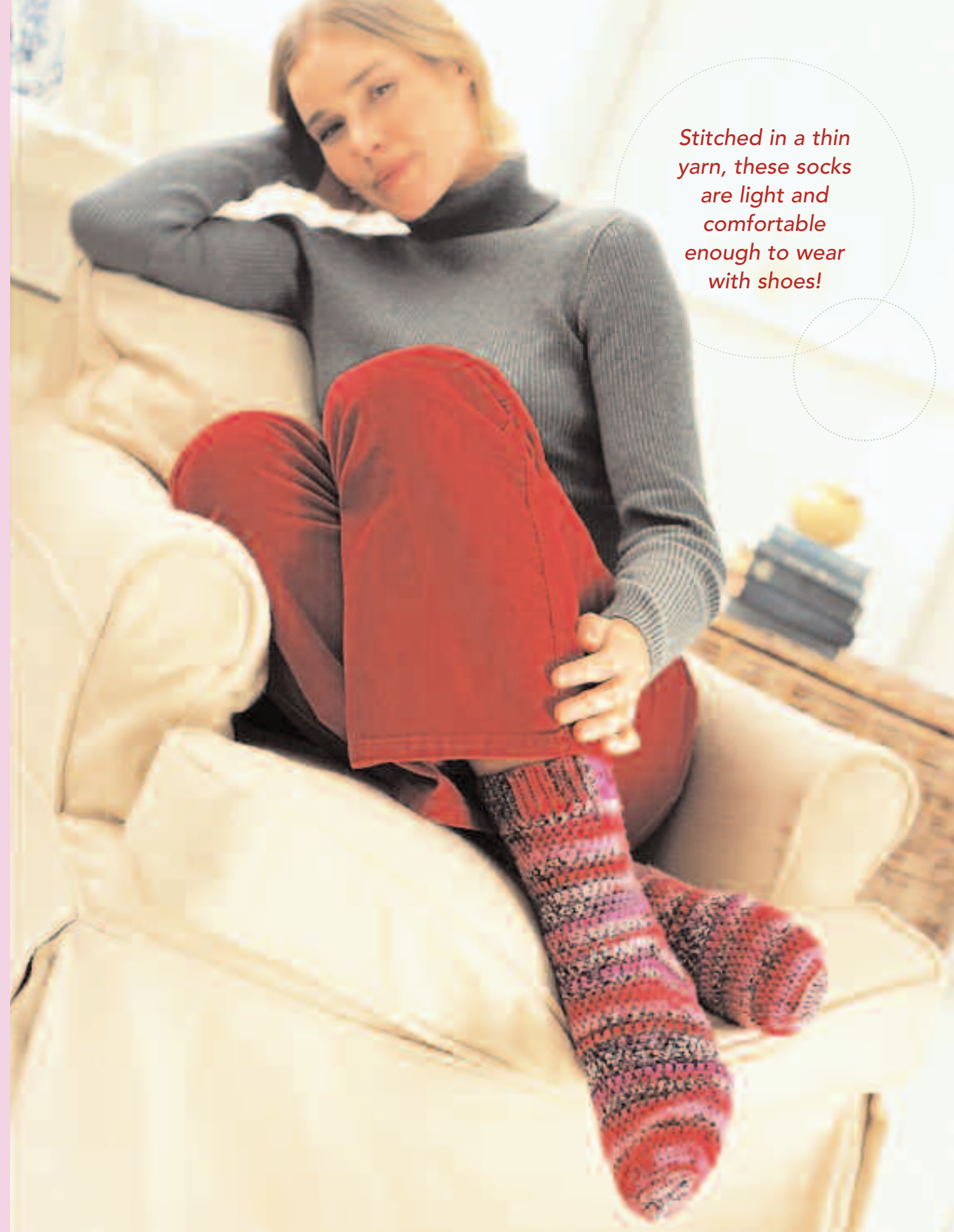
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Our socks look great in these colors, too. (Use the same yarn amounts listed above.)

n MODA DEA *Sassy Stripes*, #6930 Stormy

n MODA DEA *Sassy Stripes*, #6983 Spring

Stitched in a thin yarn, these socks are light and comfortable enough to wear with shoes!



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tip

When putting on crocheted socks, ease them gently up and over the foot. Do not pull them up with the cuff—they aren't as stretchy as their knit counterparts.

23, 25) sts; leave remaining sts unworked (for top of foot) - 17 (19, 21, 23, 25) sc.

Row 2 (right side) Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, Lsc in next sc 2 rows below, *sc in next sc, Lsc in next sc 2 rows below; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc in last 2 sts - 17 (19, 21, 23, 25) sts.

Row 3 Turn, ch 1, sc in each sc across.

Row 4 Turn, ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, Lsc in next Lsc 2 rows below working into the V of the st, *sc in next sc, Lsc in next Lsc 2 rows below working into the V of the st, repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc in last 2 sts.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until heel measures 2 3/4"/7cm. End by working a wrong side row. Do not fasten off.

heel turn

Row 1 (dec row - right side) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog twice, sc in each st to last 5 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in last st - 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) sts.

Row 2 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in next 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts, sc2tog 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times, sc in each st to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st - 10 (12, 14, 15, 17) sts.

Row 3 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in next 0 (0, 3, 4, 4) sts, sc2tog 0 (0, 1, 1, 2) times, sc in each st to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st - 8 (10, 11, 12, 13) sts.

Row 4 (dec row) Turn, ch 1, sc in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, sc2tog 1 (1, 2, 1, 2) times, sc in last 3 (4, 3, 5, 4) sts - 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) sts.

Row 5 Turn, do not ch 1, sc in each st across - 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) sts. Do not fasten off.

gusset

note gusset rounds are worked in continuous spirals. Unless otherwise instructed; do not join rounds and do not ch 1 at beginning of round. Use stitch marker to track rounds.

Round 1 (right side) Pivot work to work along side of heel flap, work 15 (15, 17, 17, 18) sc evenly spaced along left side edge of heel flap, hdc in first hdc of top foot, place marker in hdc just made (first gusset marker), hdc in each of rem 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) top foot sts, place marker in hdc just made (second gusset marker), work 15 (15, 17, 17, 18) sc evenly spaced along right side edge of heel flap, hdc in 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) heel sts, place marker to mark beginning of rounds - 54 (58, 64, 68, 72) sts.

Round 2 (decrease round) Hdc in each st to 2 sts before first gusset marker, sc2tog, hdc in next hdc replacing marker, hdc across to second gusset marker, hdc in next hdc replacing marker,

sc2tog, hdc in rem heel sts - 52 (56, 62, 66, 70) sts.

Repeat Round 2, decreasing 2 sts and moving all markers up on each round, until 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) sts rem. Remove gusset markers. Do not fasten off.

foot

Round 1 Hdc in each hdc around - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) hdc.

Repeat Round 1 until foot measures 2"/5cm from longest toe, measured from back of heel. Remove round marker. Do not fasten off.

shape toe

Fold sock, making sure that heel is centered to back. Place markers at each side edge. Move markers after each round to keep at side edges of sock.

Round 1 (dec round) Sc in each st to 2 sts prior to first side marker, sc2tog, sc in each st to 2 sts prior to next side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st (partial round to set up toe).

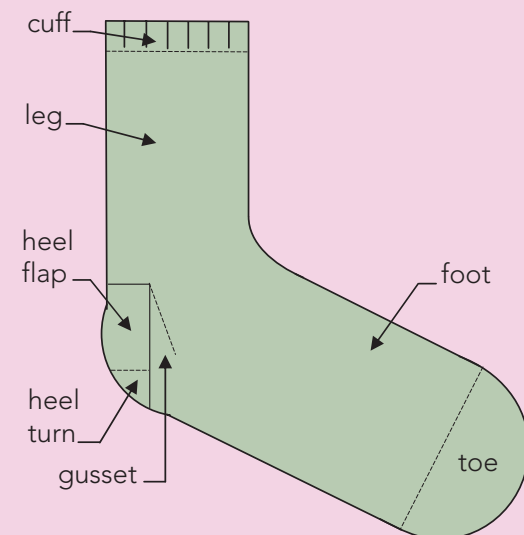
Round 2 Sc in each st to 2 sts prior to first side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in each st to 2 sts prior to next side marker, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog - 28 (32, 36, 40, 44) sc.

Repeat Round 2, laying sock flat and moving markers with each round to keep markers at the side edges of the foot, until 16 (16, 16, 20, 20) sts remain. Fasten off.

Repeat for second sock.

finishing

Sew toe closed. Sew closed seam at cuff opening. Weave in ends. ▀

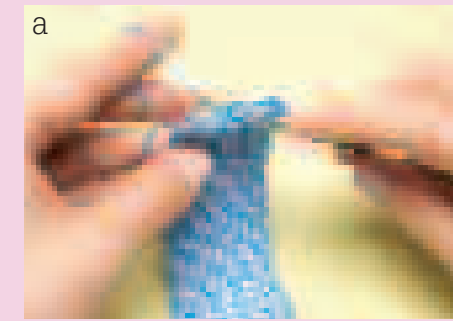


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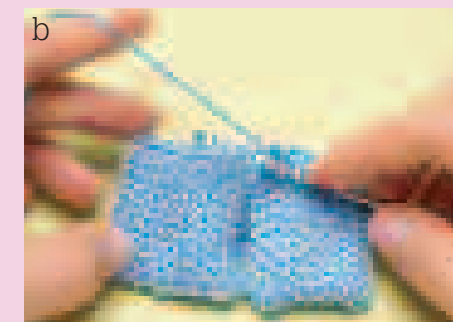
HOW TO CROCHET A SOCK

Here's all you need to know about making your own socks, step by step.

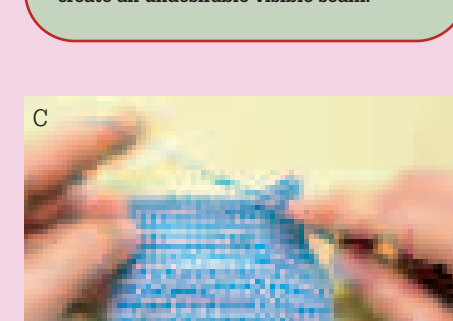
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Cuff To create the sideways rib, work slip stitches in the back loop only of each stitch.



Leg A row of single crochet is stitched along one long edge of the ribbing, then joined to form a circle. (The open ends of the cuff are sewn together after the sock is completed.) Next, the leg is crocheted in the round to desired length.



Heel Flap Once you reach the heel of the sock, begin crocheting back and forth in rows to create the heel flap (the section of the sock that comes down from the ankle to the base of the heel).



Heel Turn The heel turn shapes the flap so that it curves in and fits around the bottom of the heel. This is accomplished by decreasing evenly on each side of the flap over the course of a few rows.



Gusset The gusset is the wedge-shaped section that shapes the sock to fit at the ankle and around the beginning of the arch of the foot. After the heel turn is completed, begin working once more in the round by adding stitches along one side edge of the heel flap, working the remaining stitches of the heel turn, adding stitches along the other side of the heel flap, and working the stitches of the leg.



Simple decreases create a wedge shape on each side of the foot along the ankle. Use a marker to be sure you decrease in the correct spot on each round.



Foot After decreasing to the appropriate number of stitches, begin working the foot section. It is worked in same manner as the leg, crocheting in the round until it is approximately 1 1/2 to 2" shorter than the total length of the foot, measured from the back of the heel to the longest toe while standing.



Shape Toe Fold the sock flat so that the heel is positioned correctly on the bottom of the foot and place a marker at each side edge of the foot. The toe is shaped by decreasing evenly along each side. It is important to keep the decreases symmetrical so that they are centered around the toe. To do this, reposition the stitch markers by laying the sock flat after each round and moving the markers to the side edges of the foot.

DID YOU KNOW? Shaping the heel turn is an important step. Without it, your sock will bunch up around the heel, making it quite uncomfortable.

DID YOU KNOW? Our sock's leg section is crocheted in a spiral, without joining at each round. If you were to join each round with a slip stitch and begin the new round with a chain one, it would create an undesirable visible seam.

TIP When adding stitches along the side edges of the heel flap, do not work into spaces or holes between rows, as this will create holes. Instead, work into the side edges of stitches or into turning chains. To make it easier to add these stitches, try switching to a smaller hook.

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