## **House Sox**

Kids love them, adults do too!

8 ply wool 3 x size 8 / 4.00mm knitting needles Cuff: K1 P1 rib I nstep and foot: garter stitch

Size	age (approx)	1½	3	5	8	S	M	L
Cuff	no. of stitches	31	35	37	39	43	47	53
Long cuff	no. of rows Row of holes	23 1	29 1	35 1	37 1	43 1	47 1	53 1
Short cuf	no. of rows	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Instep	K	21	23	25	26	28	31	35
	Turn and K	11	11	13	13	13	15	17
Garter stitch - no. of ridges		15	17	19	20	23	24	27
Foot	no. of ridges	6	6	7	9	10	12	13
Sole	no. of ridges	2	3	3	3	3	3	4

 $\underline{\text{Row of holes}} \text{ - long cuff version only}$ 

K1 (wrn K2 tog tbl  $\dots$  ) – repeat to last stitch, K1

**Instep** Work the rows of garter stitch on this centre flap

Foot Knit across half the stitches (sts) of the instep. With the  $3^{rd}$  needle, knit the other half then, with the left hand needle, pick up one stitch from each ridge along the side of the instep, knit across the picked up sts, continue to the end of the row

Next row: Knit across the first needle, at the centre knit the instep sts, then, with the left hand needle, pick up one stitch from each ridge along the side of the instep, knit across the picked up sts and continue to the end of the row

The  $3^{\rm rd}$  needle lets you work in garter stitch across the two needles until the required number of ridges is completed

<u>Sole</u> Decrease at each end of both needles for the 6 decrease rows (3 ridges - or number of ridges for the size) <u>and</u> as you cast off

For the Striped Version ...

You break off the wool after knitting the cuff and again after knitting the instep

You have more 'tails' to sew in but they're fun!

You can introduce Feathers and other fancy yarns in your stripes



Size 1½

**Striped Version** (invented by Kim) – For example, with size 1½ above **Cuff** – K1 P1 rib in **colour 1**, break off the wool

Instep - slip 10 sts (12, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 sts) across to the instep
Work the 11sts (11, 13, 13, 13, 15, 17 sts) of the instep:
Rows 1 & 2: knit colour 2, Rows 3 & 4: knit colour 1 ...
at the end of the instep, break off both wools

Foot – From the cuff end, knit across to the instep flap with colour 2. With the left hand needle, pick up and knit one stitch from each ridge along the side of the instep, knit across half the instep sts. With the 3<sup>rd</sup> needle, knit the other half then, with the left hand needle, pick up one stitch from each ridge along the other side of the instep and knit across the cuff sts.



A Posy of House Sox sizes 1½ to S (small adult)

Are they slippery on wooden floors?

Kids cope!

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