

O'hara Stockings

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YARN

Rowan Pure Wool 4 ply
Shade Clay 401 6 x 50gm

NEEDLES

1 pair 3¼ mm needles
1 pair 2¼ mm needles
1 spare pair of 2¼ mm needles or 2 stitch holders.

FINISHED SIZE

To fit average size adult foot & leg – length from top to bottom of heel, 67cm. Length of foot, 24cm (adjustable)

TENSION

39 sts and 37 rows to 10cm measured over fancy rib patterned (unstretched) using 2¼ mm needles.

STOCKINGS (both legs the same)

Using 3¼ mm needles and wool used double, cast on 119 sts. Break off 1 strand of wool and change to 2¼ mm needles, continuing with a single strand of wool.

Work in K1, P1 rib for 5cm, then continue in following pattern:

Row 1 (RS): K1, *yf, K2 tog, P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1, *yfn, P2tog, K1, P1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form the fancy rib pattern.

Rep these two rows 3 times.

Keeping pattern correct dec 1 st at each end of next following 9th row until 99 sts remain.

Continue in fancy rib without any further shaping until work measures 40.5cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape leg

Keeping fancy rib pattern correct, dec 1 st at each end of next and every following 4th row until 65 sts remain.

Continue without any further shaping until work measures 70cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

Divide for heel and top of foot

Row 1 (RS): Place the 1st 14 sts onto a holder, work the next 33 sts continuing in fancy rib, place the rem 14 sts on a holder. (NB. These 2 sets of 14 sts are the heel sts), turn.

Continue in fancy rib on these 33 sts for the top of foot for 15cm, ending with RS facing for next row. (NB. For a longer or shorter foot work more or less cms at this point).

Shape toe

Next row: K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Next row: Purl to end.

Rep the last 2 rows until 9 sts remain. Leave sts on a spare needle.

Work heel

Return to the heel sts and slip the 2 sets of sts from the holders onto one needle with the outside edges to the centre to form the back seam.

With RS of work facing proceed as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *Sl 1, K1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: K1, P to last st, K1.

Rep these 2 rows 15 times.

Turn heel

Row 1 (RS): K21, Sl 1, K1, pssso, turn.

Row 2: P11, P2tog, turn.

Row 3: K11, K2tog, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until the side sts are all worked off and 12 sts remain, finishing at the end of a purl row.

Next row: K12, then onto same needle pick up and K17 sts along side of heel flap.

Next row: P to the end, then pick up and P17sts along second side of heel flap. 46 sts.

Shape instep

Row 1 (RS): K to end.

Row 2: K1, P to last st, K1.

Row 3: K1, Sl 1, K1, pssso, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1.

Rep the last 2 rows until 34 sts remain.

Continue in K1, P1 rib pattern until work measures the same as the top of foot to the start of the toe shaping, decreasing 1 st at the end of the last row.

Shape toe as given for instep, then graft or cast off the two sets of sts tog. Work the second stocking in the same way.

MAKE UP

Press work using a damp cloth under a warm iron, taking care not to stretch the fabric. Join the leg and foot seams.

Press the seams.