

## Rockin' Strat Men's Socks



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### Stats

**Finished size:** Men's size 11

**Yarn:** 3 – 50 gr. skeins Pingouin Laine sock yarn or 150 gr. of sock yarn of choice and a small amount of contrasting sock yarn if you choose to stripe the toes.

**Needles:** Sizes 0 (2.0mm) and 2 (3.0mm) sets of 5 dpns (or sockknitting method of choice). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 8.5 sts per inch on size 2 needles; 10 rows per inch on size 2 needles

**Notions:** darning needle, stitch holder

### Stitch Pattern for leg and instep:

Note: All slip-sts are slipped (purlwise) wyif (with yarn in front)

**Round 1: (WS) and all ws/odd # rows:** knit.

**Round 2:** \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from \*

**Round 4:** k1, \*sl 3 wyif, k3 rep from \* to last 5 sts: sl 3 wyif, k2

**Round 6:** k2, \*sl 3 wyif, k3; rep from\* to last 4 sts: sl 3 wyif, k1.

**Round 8:** \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from\*.

**Round 10:** sl 1 wyif, \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last 5 sts: k3, sl 2 wyif

**Round 12:** sl 2 wyif, \*k3, sl 3 wyif; rep from \* to last 4 sts: k3, sl 1 wyif.

**\*\*Design Note\*\*** *Stitch pattern is from "A Treasury of Knitting Patterns" by Barbara Walker. Used by permission from Schoolhouse Press*

### Cuff:

Loosely cast 78 sts. onto size 0 (2.0mm), dividing them onto 4 dpns being very careful not to twist sts. *Needle 1: 18 sts Needle 2: 21 sts Needle 3: 21 sts Needle 4: 18 sts*

**Rounds 1-20:** \*p3, k3; repeat from \*

### Leg:

Change to the size 2 (3.0mm) needles and repeat stitch pattern 9 times.

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### Heel Flap:

Place 42 sts from needles 2 & 3 on a stitch holder or leave the sts on 2 dpns. Work remaining 36 sts (from needles 1 & 4) as follows, knitting back and forth on 1 needle.

**Row 1(RS):** \*slip 1 (purlwise), k1; repeat from \*

**Row 2:** slip 1, purl remaining sts

**Row 3:** slip 1, \*slip 1, k1; repeat from \*

**Row 4:** repeat row 2

*Continue this pattern for 3 inches ending with row a RS row (1 or 3).*

### Shape Heel:

**Row 1(WS):** p19, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 2 (RS):** sl 1 (purlwise), k3, ssk, k1, turn

**Row 3:** sl 1, p4, p2tog, p1, turn

**Row 4:** sl 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn

**Row 5:** sl1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn

*Continue in this fashion, increasing by 1 the number of sts worked before the decrease in each row, until you have 20 sts, finishing with a right side row, ready to pick up gusset sts.*

### Instep:

With RS facing and needle 1, pick up and knit 18 sts along first side of heel flap; then pick up another 2 sts @ the end of the gusset (this is to prevent a hole).

With needles 2 & 3 continue in pattern across instep. With needle 4 pick up 2 extra sts @ the beginning of the gusset, then pick up and knit 18 sts along gusset, then knit across 10 sts along the heel flap (this is needle #4).

Sts on needles are as follows:

**Needle #1:** 30 sts

**Needle #2:** 21 sts \*remember, you are continuing pattern on the instep sts

**Needle #3:** 21 sts \*remember, you are continuing pattern on the instep sts

**Needle #4:** 30 sts

Before beginning gusset decreasing knit one round (continue pattern on instep), k tbl of the 20 picked up sts on needles #1 and #4, this will tighten these sts.

**Gusset Decreases:**

*\*\*Remember...you are continuing in the stitch pattern on the instep sts\*\**

**Round 1:** *Needle 1:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

*Needles 2 & 3:* continue stitch pattern

*Needle 4:* k1, ssk, knit remaining sts

**Round 2:** *Needles 1 & 4:* knit all sts; *Needles 2 & 3:* continue in pattern

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 18 sts on needles 1 & 4. You now have a total of 78 sts again.

**Foot of sock:**

Continue to knit in rounds; *needles 1 & 4: knit; needles 2 & 3: stitch pattern* until sock measures 9 inches or 2 inches shorter than desired length of sock.

**Next Round:** *Needle 1:* knit

*Needle 2:* k1, k2tog, k18 (20 sts)

*Needle 3:* k18, ssk, k1 (20 sts)

*Needle 4:* knit

You now have 76 sts. Redistribute sts so that you have 19 sts per needle by moving 1 st from needle 2 onto needle 1 and moving 1 st from needle 3 onto needle 4. You are now ready for toe shaping.

**Toe Shaping:**

**Round 1:** *Needle 1:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

*Needle 2:* k1, ssk, k remaining sts

*Needle 3:* knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

*Needle 4:* k1, ssk, k remaining sts

**Round 2:** knit all sts

Repeat these 2 rounds until 40 total sts remain.

Repeat round 1 until 20 total sts remain. Place 10 sts on 2 needles (1 needle on the top or instep side of the sock and 1 needle on the bottom or heel side of the sock) and graft toe together using **Kitchener st.**

As you see, I played around with the toes of this sock by knitting contrasting stripes with a bit of sock yarn that I had left over. Each toe is different:

**Toe One:**

**Rounds 1-2:** contrast color

**Rounds 3-8:** main color

**Rounds 9-10:** contrast color

**Rounds 11-16:** main color

**Rounds 17-18:** contrast color

**Rounds 19-22:** main color

Kitchener with main color

**Toe Two:**

**Rounds 1-6:** contrast color

**Rounds 7-8:** main color

**Rounds 9-14:** contrast color

**Rounds 15-16:** main color

**Rounds 17-22:** contrast color

Kitchener with contrast color



Happy Knitting and God Bless!!