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Simpliworsted Baronial Slipper Socks

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In medieval times a baron's home was his castle. Of a winter's evening he might sit in his great chair in front of the fire enjoying its warmth. Above the fireplace the head of a great stag would hang, its antlers gleaming in the fire's glow. Although these days we might prefer to see our stags alive and in the wild, we can still sit by the fire and enjoy these comfortable slipper socks with their Stag Horn Cables emblazoning the foot.

Knit toe- up on a circular needle and using the magic loop technique, they are fun to make and incorporate the new architecture of the *Sweet Tomato* heel discovered by Cat Bordhi and featured in her recently published e-book, *Cat's Sweet Tomato Heel Socks*.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate
YARN WEIGHT: Worsted

FEATURED YARN: Simpliworsted by **HiKoo** 55% Merino Superwash, 28% Acrylic, & 17% Nylon - 140 yds / 100g. Shown in Color #011 (Indigo).

SIZE AND MATERIALS:

Size	One size
Heel to Toe Length	Approx 10"
Foot Circumference	Approx 8.5" (at widest point)
Yarn for Pair	1 hank (140 yds)

addi Needles:

4.5 mm (approx US 7) 32" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge.

Additional Notions:

Cable needle, tapestry needle

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GAUGE: 18 sts and 26 rows = 4" x 4" in Stockinette Stitch

Note: These socks will use the full skein, so the gauge swatch will need to be unraveled to allow enough yarn for both socks.

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

STITCH PATTERN:

Stag Horn Cable: (worked over 20 sts)
Row 1: P2, k4, C4B, C4F, k4, p2.

Rows 2, 4 & 6: P2, k16, p2.

Row 3: P2, k2, C4B, k4, C4F, k2, p2.

Row 5: P2, C4B, k8, C4F, p2.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Note: These socks are knit toe-up using the Magic Loop technique and an Eastern/Turkish Cast On.

Using circular needle and a toe-up cast on (see Techniques), CO 12 sts, dividing sts equally on the needle with 6 sts for the instep and 6 sts for the sole.

Toe (Step 1):

Rnd 1: On instep *k1, yo, knit to last st, yo, k1; rep from * for sole.

Rnd 2: On instep *k1, yo, knit into back of yo of previous rnd, knit to next yo of previous rnd, insert RH needle into yo from front to back, lift it off the LH needle then reinsert the LH needle into the yo from back to front, return it to the needle then knit into the front of it, yo, k1; rep from * for sole (the yo's get twisted by this step, avoiding a hole).

Rep Rnd 2 twice more = 24 sts.

Next Rnd: On instep *k1, knit into back of yo of previous rnd, knit to next yo, knit into front of yo of previous rnd (as in Rnd 2), k1; rep from * for sole = 24 sts

Work one rnd even, knitting all sts.

Toe (Step 2):

Rnd 1: On instep *k1, RLI, knit to last st on instep, LLI, k1; rep from *across sts of sole.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 until there are 40 sts on the needle (20 for instep, 20 for sole).

Foot:

Begin working Stag Horn Cable pattern over instep sts and St st over sole sts and continue until sock measures 1" less than desired length of foot.

Heel Setup:

On next row, work the first 2 sts of the instep then move them to the sole needle; work the next 16 sts of the Stag Horn Cable pattern (make note of this row), then move the last 2 sts of the cable pattern to the sole without working = 24 sts on sole needle and 16 sts on instep needle.

Heel Turn: (working over Sole sts)

Row 1: Knit, turn.

Row 2: SI1 wyif, p23, turn.

Row 3: SI1 wyib, k21, turn.

Row 4: SI1 wyif, p19, turn.

Row 5: SI1 wyib, k17, turn.

Row 6: SI1 wyif, p15, turn.

Row 7: Sl1 wyib, k13, turn.

Row 8: SI1 wyif, p11, turn.

Row 9: SI1 wyib, k9, turn.

Row 10: SI1 wyif, p7, turn.

Working now in rounds:

Rnd 1: SI1, k6, *insert point of RH needle from right to left into the RH leg of st below next st on needle, lift it onto the LH needle then knit the lifted st and the original st together, k1; rep from * until 1 stitch remains on needle, lift the RH leg of the st below this st unto the left needle and k2tog as before. Do not turn, but continue to work in pattern across the 16 sts of the instep.

Note: Pull the yarn tight tight when working from the heel sts to the instep sts. This will help to minimize any holes.

Rnd 2: On heel sts, *insert point of RH needle from right to left into RH leg of st below next st on needle, lift it onto LH needle then k2tog, k1; rep from * until all gaps have been closed. Work across remaining heel sts and the 16 sts of the instep in pattern as set (from noted row).

Working again on only the 24 heel stitches, repeat Rows 1 - 10 as above and then Rnds 1 - 2.

Cuff:

Work in K2, p2 rib for 4 rnds.

Using the Russian Bind Off (see Techniques), bind off loosely in k2, p2 rib. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:

approx approximate(ly)

C4B Slip next two stitches to cable needle and hold in back, work two sts, then work two stitches from cable needle.

CO Cast On

k knit

LH Left Hand

p purl

st(s) stitch(es)

St st Stockinette Stitch

C4F Slip next two stitchess to cable needle and hold in front, work two stitches, then work two stitches from cable needle.

RH Right Hand

RLI (Right Lifted Increase) Using the point of the RH needle, lift the right side loop if the stitch below the next stitch onto the LH needle, knit it through the back loop, then knit the next stitch.

LLI (Left Lifted Increase) Using the point of the RH needle, lift the left side loop of the stitch two stitches below the stitch just worked onto the LH needle, then knit it through the front loop.

wyif with yarn in front
wyib with yarn in back
YO Yarn Over

TECHNIQUES:

Video instructions for Judy's Magic Cast On:

http://knitpurlhunter.com/blog/?p=244

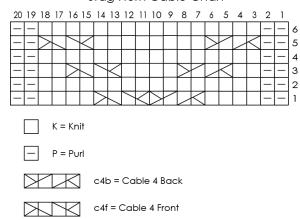
Russian Bind Off (over K2, P2 rib):

Step 1: K2, insert point of LH needle into the front of these two stitches and knit them together through the back loop.

Step 2: Purl next stitch, then insert the point of the LH needle into the back of the two stitches and purl them together.

Continue binding off in K2, P2 rib as established (following Step 1 when working a knit stitch and Step 2 when working a purl stitch) until all stitches are bound off.

Staa Horn Cable Chart



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