

# loumms year of socks

## edwardian boating socks

finished  
measurements:  
foot circumference:  
7.5 inches  
leg length: 6 inches

materials:

yarn: Oceanwind Knits  
Sock Merino (100%  
superwash merino;  
185 yds/50 g) x 2 **OR**  
BMFA Socks that Rock  
Mediumweight (100%  
superwash merino;  
380 yds/155 g)

needles: 2.5 mm DPNs,  
set of 4

notions: tapestry needle

gauge: 15.5 sts/23.5  
rows/2 inches<sup>2</sup> over st st

19 sts/34 rows/2 inches<sup>2</sup>  
over linen st (kt, sli wyf)

note: Gauge achieved  
for both yarns.

*The Edwardians were partial to a lot of things: a gentle game of tennis, a well-turned ankle, boating on the Serpentine on a fine summer's day while the servants lay out a feast for kings on the banks. That stiff upper lip of the Victorians gradually softened as a new wave of rather jaunty chaps and spiffing gals hopped to with larks and pranks, gambolling about and generally having a bit of a gay old time.*

*These socks, with their little rowers floating gracefully down the leg, interspersed with a softly skipping linen stitch, make for rather splendid knitting on the river. Or, indeed, while basking in the summer sun on a week day with a cheeky glass of afternoon Pimms.*



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## cuff

CO 64 sts. Join in the round and arrange stitches so there are 31 sts on Needle 1; 17 sts on Needle 2; 16 sts on Needle 3.

Work (k2, p2) ribbing for 14 rounds, 1.25 inches.

## leg

Follow Chart A over Needle 1.

Follow Chart B over Needles 2 and 3.

Work 11 repeats of the charts or until desired length.

At the end of the last round, turn work.

## heel flap

The heel flap is worked over Needles 2 and 3 (33 sts).

row 1 (WS): sl1, (p1, sl1 wyb) to end  
(The last sl1 of row 1 should be worked wyf)

row 2 (RS): ktbl, (sl1 wyf, k1) to end

Repeat these 2 rows 16 times, until you have 18 sl sts along the selvage edge.

The stitch pattern above produces a fabric that is firmer than a traditional heel. A twisted rib, over 28 rows, would provide an attractive, stretchier alternative.

row 1 (WS): sl1, (p1, k1) to last stitch,

row 2 (RS): sl1, (p1, ktbl) to last st,

Repeat these 2 rows 12 times, until you have 14 sl sts along the selvage edge.

## turn heel

row 1 (WS): sl1, p2o, p2tog, turn

row 2 (RS): sl1, k9, ssk, turn

row 3: sl1, p to gap, p2tog, turn

row 4: sl1, k to gap, ssk, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 11 sts remain.

## heel gusset

Start with the needle holding the heel stitches – this will now be needle 1.

round 1: Needle 1: pick up and knit 21 (16) sts up the left selvage edge;

Needle 2: continue in established pattern;

Needle 3: pick up and knit 21 (16) sts along the right selvage edge, k6 sts from Needle 1

There are 26 (21) sts on Needle 1; 31 sts on Needle 2; 27 (22) sts on Needle 3.

round 2: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; needle 2: continue on established pattern; needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end

round 3: needle 1: k all sts; needle 2: work pattern; needle 3: k all sts

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until 64 sts remain: 16 sts on Needle 1, 31 sts on Needle 2; 17 sts on Needle 3.

## foot

Continue in established pattern – working st st over Needles 1 and 3 (sole) and following Chart A over Needle 2, until 2 inches before desired length of foot. (If possible, end on round 1 or 6 of the chart. Otherwise work round 5 for the last round to finish off the pattern with a shorter arrow.)

At the end of the last round, k all sts on Needle 1.

## toe

The toe decreases begin at the start of Needle 2.

round 1: k all sts

round 2: Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to the last 3 sts, k2tog, k1;

Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle

Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Work these two rounds until there

are 17 sts on Needle 2 and 19 sts over Needles 2 and 3

Next round: Needle 2: k all sts

Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end of needle

Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Hereafter, work decrease round only until a total of 10 sts remain (5 sts on Needle 2; 3 sts on Needle 3; 2 sts on Needle 1).

## finishing

Graft toe together using the Kitchener stitch.

Weave in ends, then block lightly under a damp towel or on sock blockers.

## abbreviations

CO = cast on

k = knit

k2tog = knit two together

p = purl

p2tog = purl two together

RS = right side of work

sl = slip stitch as if to purl

ssk = slip 2 stitches as if to knit, knit together

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side of work

wyb = with yarn held back

wyf = with yarn held forward

erqsome knits is Emma Haigh. She finds infinite pleasure boating in the summer sun. With a nice picnic waiting. And maybe a parasol under which to be demure. Lovely.

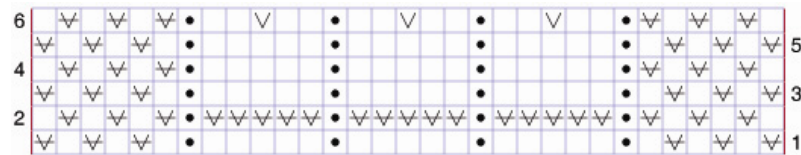
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## charts and legend

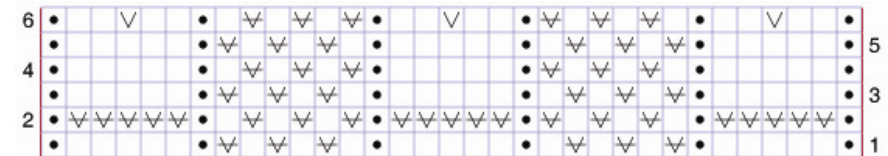
Annual Outing Chart A



- round 1: (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times
- round 2: (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, sl5 wyf, p1, sl5 wyf, p1, sl5 wyf, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times
- round 3: (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times
- round 4: (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times
- round 5: (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times
- round 6: (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times

-  k
-  p
-  k1 under and including the long slipped stitch
-  sl wyf

Annual Outing Chart B



- round 1: p1, k5, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, k5, p1
- round 2: p1, sl5 wyf, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, sl5 wyf, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, sl5 wyf, p1,
- round 3: p1, k5, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf), p1, k5, p1
- round 4: p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, (sl wyf, k1), p1, k5, p1
- round 5: p1, k5, p1, (sl wyf, k1) 3 times, p1, k5, p1, (k1, sl wyf), p1, k5, p1
- round 6: p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, p1, (k1, sl wyf) 3 times, p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, p1, (sl wyf, k1), p1, k2, (k1 under and including the long slipped stitch), k2, p1