

## ANKLE SOCKS

**Materials:** 2 oz. of Jaeger "Super Spun" ("J. S." Quality) Fingering, 3 ply (9d. per oz.), and 1 set of No. 13 Jaeger knitting needles with points at both ends.

**Measurements:** Length of foot, 9.5 inches.

**Tension:** 10 stitches to 1 inch in width, and 13 rounds to 1 inch in depth.

**Abbreviations:** K. = knit; p. = purl; sts. = stitches; tog. = together; rep. = repeat; dec. = decrease or decreasing; sl. = slip; st.-st. = stocking-st.

**Casting on:** If you cast on with two needles work into the back of all cast-on sts. to produce firm edges, but if you use the thumb method this is not necessary.

Begin at the top edge. Cast on 72 sts. using three needles (24 sts. on each needle) and with the fourth needle work 4.5 inches in k.3, p.3 rib. Change to the pattern as follows: **1st round** - K.

**2nd round** - \* K. 3, p. 3. Rep. from \* to end. **3rd round** - Like the 2nd round. These 3 rounds form the pattern.

Continue in pattern until the work measures 5.5 inches from the beginning.

**The Heel Shaping:** Sl. the first 12 sts. of the second needle on to the first needle, and work backwards and forwards in st.-st. on these 36 sts. for 35 rows. Now shape the heel as follows: **1st row** - P.22, p.2 tog., turn. **2nd row** - K.9, k.2 tog., turn. **3rd row** - P. 10, p. 2 tog., turn. **4th row** - K.11, k. 2 tog., turn. Continue dec. in this way until all sts. are on one needle and 22 sts. remain. Now pick up and k.18 sts. down the right side of heel, sl.11 sts. from the heel on to the same

needle. Work the 36 sts. of the instep in pattern onto one needle, then pick up and k.18 sts. along the left side of the heel, then sl. the 11 sts. of the heel on to the same needle.

**1st round** - *1st needle:* K. until 2 sts. remain, k.2 tog. *2nd needle:* Pattern. *3rd needle:* K.2 tog., k. to end. Rep. this round until 72 sts. remain, then work 5.5 inches on these sts.

**The Toe Shaping: 1st round** - *1st needle:* K. until 2 sts. remain, k.2 tog. *2nd needle:* K.2 tog., k. until 2 sts. remain, k. 2 tog. *3rd needle:* K.2 tog., k. to end. **2nd round** - K. Rep. these 2 rounds until 28 sts. remain. Now sl. the sts. from the third needle on to the first needle, then graft the two sets of sts. tog. Work another sock in exactly the same way. Press the work on the wrong side with a warm iron and damp cloth.

## **SOME USEFUL HINTS**

When copying any designs from a book, do remember that instructions regarding materials, size of needles, and tension of the stitches must be exactly followed. By "tension" is meant the number of stitches produced in a certain number of inches, measuring across the work, and the number of rows to a certain number of inches, measuring downwards. Now you will often find that three workers, all using the same needles and wool or silk, will produce a different tension, and, unless the tension corresponds to that mentioned in the directions, the garment will not turn out to the size specified. Therefore, before you start work on any garment, work out a piece about 6 inches square in the prescribed stitch and press it with a warm iron and damp cloth.

Then, without stretching it in any way, measure the width across and divide the number of stitches you have by the number of inches—the result will be the tension at which you work. Now measure downwards in the same way, and find the tension in depth. If you find you produce fewer stitches or rows to the inch than the model, use needles a size finer and measure again. It may be that you will still require finer needles, and you must experiment until you produce the exact tension. If, on the other hand, you produce more stitches or rows than the model, change to coarser needles. The extra time involved in these experiments is well repaid by the ultimate success of your work.

## **TO WASH WOOLIES**

Prepare a lukewarm suds with good soap or soap flakes. Put in the garments and souse them up and down. If there are any dirty parts rub them very lightly. Repeat the process in another bowl of suds, then rinse in slightly soapy water. The garments should not be pulled or wrung. Now fold quite straight, pass through a wringer, and lay on a Turkish towel. Stretch lightly into shape. Dry in the open air (but not in direct sunlight) or else in the house in a current of air. Turn from time to time. When almost dry, press with a warm iron with a cloth between garment and iron.