

Aldgate

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DESCRIPTION

These toe-up socks are really a ribbed design, but with a difference - the gusset springs out of the central column, giving the socks their distinctive diagonal appearance. Because the diagonals pull the fabric in, the socks are sized with very little negative ease, please bear that in mind when you choose your size. I've found that putting them on needs a little tug, though once they're on they fit perfectly. If you have particularly high insteps, or this bothers you, there are tips on p8 for dealing with this, please read that section before starting.

The pattern is written with instructions for Magic Loop but there is no reason why you shouldn't knit with another style of needle if that is your preference.

TECHNIQUES USED

- Magic Loop
- Judy's Magic Cast-On
- Jeni's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off
- Increases and decreases

SIZES (TO FIT), MEASURED AROUND MID-FOOT

- Small 7"/17.75cm
- Medium 8"/20.25cm
- Large 9"/22.75cm

MATERIALS

100g 4ply/fingering weight sock yarn, any that gives gauge should be suitable. The sample was made in Knitpicks Hawthorne Tonal Hand Paint, colourway Sweet Home. This yarn is 357yds/326m per 100g.

GAUGE

8 stitches and 11 rows per 1"/2.5cm, measured over stocking stitch in the round.

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

- 2.25mm/US 1 circular needle (or whatever size is necessary to achieve gauge), 32"/80cm
- Stitch markers x 4
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

