

# Off-Road Socks

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An off-center cable and more decreases over your shorter fingers

Textural interest on the flipside, with a reverse stockinette palm

#### Materials:

Twilley's of Stamford Freedom Spirit

100% wool, 50g/120m

2 skeins

Gauge: 6 sts/inch

Needles: US 4, or size needed to obtain gauge.

This pattern was not written for a particular style of knitting in the round, though the magic loop or 2 circular method will probably work best. I used a 9" circular for all but the fingertips and thumb, where I used double-pointed needles.

#### Abbreviations Used:

K = Knit

P = Purl

K(x)b = Knit x number of sts through the back loop (twisting the stitch)

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Rd(s) = Round(s)

Left Lean = Hold next two stitches to the front (on a cable needle if desired), purl the next stitch, knit the two held stitches through the back loop.

Right Lean = Hold next stitch to the back (on a cable needle if desired), knit the next two stitches through the back loop, purl the held stitch.

C4L = Hold the next two stitches to the front (on a cable needle if desired), knit the next two stitches through the back loop, knit the two held stitches through the back loop.

PM = Place marker

M1L = Make one left. Using your left needle, lift the bar between the stitch on your right needle and the stitch on your left needle, from front to back. Knit the stitch through the back loop.

M1R = Make one right. Using your left needle, lift the bar between the stitch on your right needle and the stitch on your left needle, from back to front. Knit the stitch.

SM = Slip marker

Ssk = Slip, slip knit

K2tog = Knit two together

P2togtbl = Purl two together, through the back loop

Psso = Pass slipped stitch over

## LEFT MITTEN

### Cuff

CO 48 sts

PM before beginning 1st rd. Always remember to check and make sure you're not twisted before joining.

Rds 1-4: \*K2b, p2, repeat from \* to end of rd (48 sts)

Rd 5: [K2b, p2] twice, left lean, right lean, p2, \*K2b, p2, repeat from \* to end of rd

Rd 6: [K2b, p2] twice, p1, C4L, p3, \*k2b, p2, repeat from \* to end of rd

Rd 7: [K2b, p2] twice, right lean, left lean, p2, \*k2b, p2, repeat from \* to end of rd

Rds 8-15: \*K2b, p2, repeat from from \* to end of rd

Rds 16-18: Repeat rds 5 - 7

Rds 19 - 24: Repeat rd 1

### Thumb increases, hand

Rd 25: K6, p2tog, k2b, p2, k2b, p2tog, k8, pm, p22, pm, m1L, k2, m1R, (48 sts)

Rd 26: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k4 (48 sts)

Rd 27: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, m1L, k4, m1R (50 sts)

Rd 28: K6, p1, left lean, right lean, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k6 (50 sts)

Rd 29: K6, p2, C4L, p2, k8, sm, p22, sm, m1L, k6, m1R (52 sts)

Rd 30: K6, p1, right lean, left lean, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k8 (52 sts)

Rd 31: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, m1L, k8, m1R (54 sts)

Rd 32: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k10 (54 sts)

Rd 33: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, m1L, k10, m1R (56 sts)

Rd 34: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k12 (56 sts)

Rd 35: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, m1L, k12, m1R (58 sts)

Rd 36: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, k 14 (58 sts)

Rd 37: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, sm, m1L, k 14, M1R (60 sts)

Rd 38: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22, rm, slip next 16 sts to waste yarn. You are now at the end of the round, slip end-of-round marker. (44 sts)

Rd 39: K6, p1, left lean, right lean, p1, k8, sm, p22

Rd 40: K6, p2, C4L, p2, k8, sm, p22

Rd 41: K6, p2, right lean, left lean, k8, sm, p22

Rds 42-45: K6, p1, K2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, p22 (44sts)

Rd 46-49: K6, p1, K2b, p2, k2b, p1, k8, sm, k22 (44sts)

Rd 50: K6, p1, left lean, right lean, p1, k8, sm, k22

Rd 51: K6, p2, C4L, p2, k8, sm, k22

Rd 52: K6, p2, right lean, left lean, k8, sm, k22

Rds 53-59: Repeat rd 42

Rd 60: K6, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k5, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, k19 (42 sts)

Rd 61: K6, p1, left lean, right lean, p1, k7, sm, k 21 (42 sts)

Rd 62: K6, p1, C4L, k4, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, k18 (40 sts)

Rd 63: K6, p1, right lean, left lean, p1, k6, sm, k20 (40 sts)

Rd 64: K1, k2tog, k3, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k3, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, k14, ssk, k1 (36 sts)

Rd 65: K5, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k5, sm, k18 (36 sts)

Rd 66: K1, k2tog, k2, p1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k2, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog, k14, ssk, k1 (32 sts)

Rd 67: K4, P1, k2b, p2, k2b, p1, k4, sm, k16 (32 sts)  
Rd 68: K4, p1, left lean, right lean, p1, k4, sm, k16 (32 sts)  
Rd 69: K4, p2, work 4 sts together (ssk, k2tog, then pass the ssk st over the k2tog st),  
p2, k4, sm, k1, k2tog, k10, ssk, k1 (27 sts)  
Rd 70: K4, p5, k5, sm, k14 (27 sts)  
Rd 71: K4, p2tog, p1, p2togtbl, k4, sm, k1, k2tog, k8, ssk, k1 (25 sts)  
Rd 72: K4, p3, k4, sm, k12 (25 sts)  
Rd 73: K4, sl2-p1-ssso (insert right needle into 2nd and 1st sts as if to p2togtbl, slip both sts at once  
to right needle, purl next st, then pass the 2 slipped sts together over the purl st), k4 sm, k1, k2tog,  
k6, ssk, k1 (19 sts)  
Rd 74: K9, sm, k10 (19 sts)  
Rd 75: K9, sm, k7, ssk, k1 (18 sts)  
Rd 76: K9, sm, k9 (18 sts)  
Rd 77: K1, k2tog, K3, ssk, k1, sm, K1, k2tog, K3, ssk, k1 (14 sts)  
Rd 78: K (14 sts)  
Graft front and back sts together. Weave in ends

### Thumb

Place 15 thumb stitches onto double-pointed needles, join into a round, and knit stockinette stitch (knit every round) until thumb measures 1/2" shorter than your desired thumb length.

Next rd: \*K1, k2tog, repeat from \* to end of rd (10 sts)

Next rd: K

Next rd: K2tog around (5 sts)

Draw tail through remaining stitches, pull tight, fasten to inside & weave in ends.

### RIGHT MITTEN

Same as left, but in reverse. Will have line-by-line instructions by Friday, 10/9/09.

