

DEEP SHADOW SOCKS INFO

YARN

Fingering to DK/ worsted weight yarn, in one or more colours.

Use table on page 3 as a guide to approximate yardage for your size, but be aware that this is only a rough guide.

Details for the yarn used in the pattern can be found on page 4.

NEEDLES

Dpns or circulars for your preferred method of working small circumferences in the round.

This pattern can be used for any method of knitting small circumferences in the round.

The socks are knit in the round, with a stitch count that won't fit comfortably around standard circular needles. This means that you'll need to use a special method for knitting small circumferences in the round. The traditional option is a set of double pointed needles. Longer circulars can be used for the "magic loop" or "two circulars" techniques.

If you're a newer knitter and haven't yet tried any of these techniques practice on a swatch in a yarn that's double knitting weight or thicker. Once you've decided which technique to use for your socks stick with that method throughout.

SWATCHING

This pattern includes multiple gauges, so that you can use the gauge you get with your chosen yarn. Before casting on your socks I recommend knitting a swatch of st st in the round.

Socks need to be knit in a dense, firm fabric so that they don't wear out too quickly. Refer to the table below for suggested needle sizes and a gauge range to aim for with standard yarn weights, note that these needle sizes are smaller than the usual sizes suggested for non sock-specific yarns.

Cast-on enough stitches to give you 6" / 15 cm using the suggested gauge for your yarn. Eg. for sport weight I'm aiming for 7.5-8 stitches per 1" / 2.5cm. To be safe I'll multiply the larger of those numbers by 6, which means I need to cast on 48 stitches.

Join in the round and knit every round until you have about 3" / 7.5cm of length. Bind off.

Wash and block your swatch before measuring your gauge.

Take a moment to assess the fabric of your swatch. If you're happy with how it feels, measure how many stitches you have over 2" / 5cm and divide the result by two. You'll use this number to find your row in the multi-gauge tables in the pattern (see following page). If the fabric feels loose, floppy or you can see gaps between the stitches try swatching again on a smaller needle size.

SUGGESTED NEEDLES AND GAUGES

Yarn weight	Gauge over 4" / 10cm	Gauge over 1 inch / 2.5cm	Needle size
Light fingering	36-40 sts	9-10 sts	US 0-1 / 2-2.25mm
Fingering / 4ply / sock	32-36 sts	8-9 sts	US 1-1.5 / 2.25-2.5mm
Heavy fingering	30-32 sts	7.5-8 sts	US 1.5-2 / 2.5-2.75mm
Sport / baby	28-30 sts	7.5-7 sts	US 2-2.5 / 2.75-3mm
DK / light worsted	24-28 sts	6-7 sts	US 2.5-4 / 3-3.5mm
Worsted	22-24 sts	5.5-6 sts	US 4-6 / 3.5-4mm
Heavy worsted / aran	20-22 sts	5-5.5 sts	US 6-7 / 4-4.5mm

SIZING

The finished foot and ankle circumference should be approximately 10% smaller than the wearer's actual measurements, while the foot length should be approximately 5% shorter than the wearer's actual foot length.

The proportion of foot length to circumference are based on averages – everyone's feet and fit preferences are different! For best results measure your, or your gift recipient's, feet and subtract 10% from the circumference and 5% from the length to find your size. If necessary you can easily combine the circumference from one size with the foot length of another.

If you're knitting a surprise gift and don't have measurements and know your recipient's shoe size we've included corresponding shoe sizes in EU sizing (conversion charts can easily be found online). For someone with a wide foot I recommend knitting their shoe size in length but going up one size for the circumference, while for narrow feet use the next size down for the circumference.

*3 options for leg length are included for each size, see page 6.



	A	B	C	D	
child size	baby	toddler	child small	child large	
EU shoe size	18-20	22-25	26-29	30-33	
actual foot circumference	4 ½	5 ½	6 ½	7 ½	inches
actual foot length	4 ½	5 ½	6 ½	8	
finished foot circumference	4	5	5 ¾	6 ¾	
finished foot length	4 ¼	5 ¼	6 ¼	7 ½	
actual foot circumference	11.5	15	15	20	cm
actual foot length	11.5	14	16.5	20.5	
finished foot circumference	10	12.5	14.5	17	
finished foot length	11	13.5	16	19	

	E	F	G	H	
adult size	small	medium	large	x-large	
EU shoe size	34-38	39-42	43-45	46-49	
actual foot circumference	8 ½	9 ½	10 ½	11 ½	inches
actual foot length	9 ½	10 ½	11	11 ½	
finished foot circumference	7 ¾	8 ½	9 ½	10 ¼	
finished foot length	9	10	10 ½	11	
actual foot circumference	21.5	24	26.5	29	cm
actual foot length	24	26.5	28	29	
finished foot circumference	19.75	21.5	24.25	26	
finished foot length	23	25.5	26.5	28	

CHILD SIZES YARN REQUIRED

	A	B	C	D	
10	120	195	270	370	yards
9.5	115	185	255	350	
9	110	175	240	335	
8.5	105	165	230	315	
8	100	190	260	365	
7.5	95	105	150	195	
7	85	85	120	165	
6	75	75	105	140	
5	60	60	85	120	

	A	B	C	D	
10	110	180	245	340	metres
9.5	105	170	235	320	
9	100	160	220	305	
8.5	95	150	210	290	
8	90	175	240	335	
7.5	85	95	135	180	
7	80	80	110	150	
6	70	70	95	130	
5	55	55	80	110	

ADULT SIZES YARN REQUIRED

	E	F	G	H	
10	520	635	735	840	yards
9.5	490	600	700	800	
9	465	570	660	760	
8.5	445	540	630	715	
8	510	625	720	825	
7.5	280	340	395	455	
7	230	285	330	375	
6	195	245	285	325	
5	165	200	235	270	

	E	F	G	H	
10	475	580	670	770	metres
9.5	450	550	640	730	
9	425	520	605	695	
8.5	405	495	575	655	
8	465	570	660	755	
7.5	255	310	360	415	
7	210	260	300	345	
6	180	225	260	295	
5	150	185	215	245	



YARNS FEATURED IN SAMPLES

FINGERING

A: Filcolana Arwetta (80% Superwash Merino, 20% Nylon, 230 yds / 210m, 1.75oz / 50g) in 380 Coral Sunset, 809 Avocado (melange), 135 Straw, & 234 Slate.

B: Fidley DyeWorks Merino Sock (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon, 462 yds / 422m, 3.5oz / 100g) in Lone Larch & Gretchen

C: Ancient Arts Socknado (80% Superwash Fine Merino, 20% Nylon, 385 yds / 350m, 3.5oz / 100g) in Summer Wine, Lichen in my Crevices, & Cyrpress Tree

D: Third Cault Yarns Companion 4ply (100% Superwash Merino, 437 yds / 400m, 3.5oz / 100g) in one off colour

DK

E: The Frosted Stitch Deep Freeze DK (75% Superwash Merino, 25% Nylon, 245 yds / 224m, 100g) in Courtney

F: Gathering Yarn The Farmer (60% Fine Highland Wool, 20% Fine Alpaca, 20% Nylon, 289 yds / 265m, 100g) in 501 & 554

