



# Bobo's Socks

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*When playing around with stitch patterns for this sock and mitt set, I settled on something meditative and textural, so I can make more of these while watching my little puppy playing with his best doggie friend in our backyard. His name is Bowie, but we call him Bobo, and these socks are an homage to him.*



## MATERIALS

**Yarn:** approximately 200-350 yards/183-320 m DK-weight yarn. I used Knitted Wit DK in Bespeckled Tangerine (orange and black) and Bowie (tan).

**Needles:** US3/3.25 mm needle for small-circumference knitting, or size needed to get gauge.

**Notions:** Stitch markers, tapestry needle.

## GAUGE

26 sts & 36 rnds = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch in the round, measured after blocking.

## SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Adult extra-small (small, medium, large, extra-large): to fit 7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9)"/17.75 (19, 20.25, 21.5, 22.75) cm foot circumference.

Finished sock foot circumference: 5.75 (6.25, 6.75, 7, 7.5)"/14.5 (16, 17.25, 17.75, 19) cm.

## ABBREVIATIONS

gm: gusset marker.

k: knit.

m1l: make one, left leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from front to back. Knit through the back of the loop to twist it. (1 stitch increased)

m1r: make one, right leaning. Bring the tip of the left needle under the strand between stitches, from back to front. Knit through the front of this loop to twist it. (1 stitch increased)

p: purl.

R(s): Row(s), Round(s).

rs: right side.

sl: slip stitch (unless otherwise noted, always slip stitch as if to purl with yarn in back).

sm: slip marker.

st(s): stitch(es).

tbl: through the back loop.

w&t: wrap and turn.

ws: wrong side.

## PATTERN NOTES

Judy's Magic Cast on is a wonderful, and indeed magical, cast on for sock toes and mitten tops in the round. It will change your life. Knitty.com has a good step-by-step photo how-to at <https://tinyurl.com/yd48es7m>. There are also several helpful videos by Cat Bordhi on youtube, including one at <https://tinyurl.com/tlu2u68>.

I suggest using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off for the cuff bind-off. Once again, Knitty.com has a great tutorial: <https://tinyurl.com/ycbnrysq>.

Working wrapped stitches.

On knit side: pull the wrap up and over the stitch it's wrapped around and knit the stitch and the wrap together through the back loop.

On purl side: pull the wrap up and over the stitch it's wrapped around and purl the stitch and the wrap together.

Slip all stitches purlwise with yarn in back unless otherwise noted.

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## SET UP SECTION

Using Judy's Magic Cast On (see PATTERN NOTES), cast on 6 (8, 8, 10, 10) sts on each of two needles (either double-point or circular, whichever you prefer). 12 (16, 16, 20, 20) sts total.

R1: Place beginning of round marker, k6 (8, 8, 10, 10), place sole marker, k6 (8, 8, 10, 10).

You will now be working in the round.  
You may not actually choose to place these markers, depending on how you work small circumference knitting. They are more guideposts than anything else; they delineate the top and bottom, or sole, of your sock and are referred to both in the toe increases and the gusset increases.

## TOE

**INCREASE ROUND:** k1, m1r, k to one st before sole marker, m1l, k1, sm, k1, m1r, k to last st, m1l, k1.

Work this INCREASE ROUND every round until you have 28 (32, 36, 40, 44) sts total. 14 (16, 18, 20, 22) sts each for top of foot and sole.

R1: k to end.

R2: work INCREASE ROUND as above. 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts total. 16 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts each for top of foot and sole.

Rs 3&4: k to end.

R5: work INCREASE ROUND as above. 36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts total. 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts each for top of foot and sole.

Rs 6-8: k to end.

R9: work INCREASE ROUND as above. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts total. 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts each for top of foot and sole.

R10: k to end.

Your toe is now complete.

## SOCK FOOT PATTERN

sizes xs, m, xl ONLY

R1: p to sole m, sm, k to end.

R2: k to end.

Rs 3&4: repeat Rs 1&2 once more.

R5: p to sole m, sm, k to end.

Rs 6-9: (p1, k2, p1) to sole m, sm, k to end.

## SOCK FOOT PATTERN

sizes s, l ONLY

R1: p to sole m, sm, k to end.

R2: k to end.

Rs 3&4: repeat Rs 1&2 once more.

R5: p to sole m, sm, k to end.

Rs 6-9: (p2, k2) to 2 sts before sole m, p2, sm, k to end.

Work Rs 1-9 of SOCK FOOT PATTERN until you are 2.5 (2.75, 3.5, 3.75, 4]"/6.25 (7, 9, 9.5, 10) cm from total foot length (i.e., back of heel), measured from the tip of the toe, then head to SHAPE GUSSET directions below.

## SHAPE GUSSET

*You're increasing sts for the heel here on the sole of the foot, outside of the gusset markers (gm) you place in R1 below.*

R1: work as established to sole marker, sm, m1r, place gm, k to end, place gm, m1l.

R2: work as established to end.

R3: work as established to sole m, sm, m1r, k to gm, sm, k to gm, sm, k to end, m1l.

R4: work as established to end.

Work Rs 3&4 until you have 58 (66, 70, 78, 82) sts total. 9 (11, 11, 13, 13) gusset sts on each side.

## HEEL SET UP

Work as established to sole marker. You will now be working on sole sts only. Take note of what R you are on in the SOCK FOOT PATTERN.

## TURN HEEL

*Work the heel flat (back and forth; not in the round).*

R1 (rs): k to 1st gm, sm, k to 2 sts before next gm, w&t.

R2 (ws): p to 2 sts before gm, w&t.

R3: k to 2 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

R4: p to 2 sts before wrapped st, w&t.

Work Rs 3&4 until you have 4 (6, 8, 6, 8) unwrapped sts in the middle of your heel.

Next Row (rs): k to last st before gm, working wraps as you come to them. Removing gm, knit the last heel st together tbl with the first gusset st. Turn.

Next Row (ws): Sl 1 purlwise, p to last st before gm, working wraps as you come to them. Removing gm, purl the last heel st together with the first gusset st. Turn.

## SLIP STITCH HEEL FLAP

*Still working flat.*

R1: (Sl1, k1) to 2 sts before gap, sl1, knit last st together with next gusset st tbl. Turn.

R2: Sl1, purl to 1 st before gap, purl last st together with the next gusset st. Turn.

Repeat these 2 rows until all gusset sts have been worked.

Next Row: Sl1, k to end of sole sts.

## LEG

*You will be working in the round once again and will work the next R of the SOCK LEG PATTERN that corresponds to the R of SOCK FOOT PATTERN you are on. Note that you may not be beginning on a R1; where you start on the back of your leg depends on where you were in the pattern when you began your Heel Turn.*

## SOCK LEG PATTERN

sizes xs, m, xl ONLY

R1: p to end.

R2: k to end .

Rs 3&4: repeat Rs 1&2 twice more.

R5: p to end.

Rs 6-9: (p1, k2, p1) to end.

## SOCK LEG PATTERN

sizes s & l ONLY

R1: p to end.

R2: k to end .

Rs 3&4: repeat Rs 1&2 twice more.

R5: p to end.

Rs 6-9: (p2, k2) to end.

Work Rs 1-9 of SOCK FOOT PATTERN until you are 1"/2.5 cm from desired leg height, then repeat Rs 6-9 twice more (12 total Rs of the ribbing).

Bind off loosely in pattern using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off (see PATTERN NOTES, p2).

## FINISHING

Make a second sock. Weave ends in, block if you wish, and wear or gift.



