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*A roll-top cuff is a simple, innovative beginning for a colourful Christmas sock that will look great by any fireplace. This pattern first appeared in Knit Christmas Stockings, edited by Gwen Steege and published by Storey Publishing LLC.*

## Skill level

Recommended for beginning knitters.

## Finished size

12.5 cm / 5 in wide, 22.5 cm / 9 in long

## Materials and tools

NOTE: This quantity of yarn will make two socks if you reverse the MC and CC.

MC: One 100 gm / 3.5 oz ball Alafoss or Reynolds Lopi,  
100 per cent wool, 100 m / 109 yds

Reynolds: Green Forest Tweed

Alafoss: Shade 0168

CC: One 100 gm / 3.5 oz ball Alafoss or Reynolds Lopi,  
100 per cent wool, 100 m / 109 yds

Reynolds, Fire Tweed

Alafoss, Shade 9738

Set of five double pointed needles, 5 mm

## Gauge

16 sts and 22 rows = 10cm / 4ins over St st

## Abbreviation for this garment

SSK = slip, slip, knit the 2 slipped stitches together

## Method

Using CC, cast on 36 stitches.

Divide the stitches evenly among 4 needles and join, being careful not to twist stitches. There will be 9 stitches on each needle. Mark the first stitch.

Working in the round, purl to end of each round until cuff measures 4.5 cm / 1 3/4 ins.

Break CC. Using MC, knit to end of each round until MC section of leg measures 15 cm / 6 in, stopping at the end of Needle 3.

## Make the heel flap

On Needle 4, using CC, K9. Knit all of the stitches from Needle 1 onto Needle 4 to make the heel flap. This needle, now Needle 1, has 18 stitches.

Work back and forth in rows on Needle 1 stitches, turning after each row. The instep stitches remain on Needles 2 and 3.

Row 1: (WS) Slip 1, p to end of row, turn.

Row 2: (RS) Slip 1, knit to end of row, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the heel flap measures about 7 cm/2 3/4 ins.

End on a knit row.

## Turn the heel

You will begin turning the heel on the WS.

Row 1: P11, P2tog, P1. Turn, leaving 4 sts unworked.

Row 2: Slip 1, K5, SSK, K1 Turn, leaving 4 sts unworked.

Row 3: Slip 1, P6, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 4: Slip 1, K7, SSK, K1, turn.

Row 5: Slip 1, P8, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 6: Slip 1, K9, ssk, K1, turn

There are 12 stitches remaining.

## Heel gusset

Using MC and an empty needle, pickup and knit 7 stitches along the right edge of the heel flap.

Continuing with MC, knit the instep stitches on Needles 2 and 3. There will be 9 sts on each needle.

With another empty needle, pick up and knit 7 sts along the left edge of the heel flap.

On the same needle, knit 6 stitches from the heel sts. Slip the remaining stitches to Needle 1. You now have 13 sts on Needle 1 and 13 sts on Needle 4. There are 9 sts on Needle 2 and 9 sts on Needle 3.

Beginning with Needle 1, work in the round.

Rnd 1: Knit to last 3 sts on Needle 1, K2tog, K1. Knit all of the stitches on Needles 2 and 3. On Needle 4, K1, SSK, knit to end of needle.

Rnd 2: Knit to end of round.

Rnds 3 – 8: Repeat Rnds 1 and 2, decreasing 2 sts in each odd-numbered round until each of the 4 needles has 9 sts, for a total of 36 sts.

## Foot

Using MC, knit even for 10 rnds. Using CC, knit even for 5 rnds.

## Toe

Rnd 1: \*K4, K2tog; repeat from \* to end of round. (30 sts remaining)

Rnd 2, 4, 6 and 8: Knit to end of round.

Rnd 3: \*K3, K2tog; repeat from \* to end of round (24 sts remaining)

Rnd 5: \*K2, K2tog; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rnd 7: \*K1, K2tog; repeat from \* to end of round.

Rnd 9: K2tog; repeat from \* to end of round. (6 sts remaining)

Cut yarn, leaving a 25 cm/10 in tail.

Thread tail through yarn needle, draw through remaining sts and pull firmly to secure. Weave in end on wrong side of work.

## Loop

Cut 2 strands of MC and 2 strands of CC, each 75 cm/30 in. Hang them over a hook or get someone to hold them for you. With 4 strands in each hand, twist each group clockwise until they are tight and twisted. Hold the two groups together and twist counter clockwise. The two groups will twist together into a sturdy cord. With the crochet hook, pull one end of cord through the stocking under the roll top and tie or fasten down as desired. Knot ends and trim off excess.

## Finishing

With a yarn needle, weave in any loose ends. Block with steam. Roll the top CC band down far enough to create a MC roll.

*for a full explanation of abbreviations go to <http://www.knitnet.com/abbreviations>*