

## Oak Socks

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These socks remind me of jumping in piles of leaves in the fall. Of course, in a different colorway you'd get a completely different effect!

**Finished size:** Women's medium  
Cuff 8", calf 10", leg height 6.5", foot length 9.5"

### Materials:

approx. 1.75 oz. variegated Worsted Weight yarn- sample shown in Baabajoes Wool-Pak 10 ply in colorway Valley  
2 pairs each sizes 5 (3.75 mm) and 6 (4 mm) circular needles

**Gauge** 4.75 sts and 6.5 rows per inch in pattern

**Pattern:** These socks were inspired by placemats designed by Lynnette Harter in Knitting Digest. Choose one color in the variegated yarn- in this case, I chose green. When you come to that color, work in reverse stockinette. Work in this pattern on the leg to the heel. Work the ribbed section as noted and work the rest of the sock in stockinette.

**Ribbing and leg:** Using smaller needles cast on 48 stitches. Join in a ring, mark join as center and divide stitches over 2 needles. Work even in k1, p1 ribbing for 2 inches. Switch to larger needles and begin pattern. Decrease 1 st both sides of marker every 10 rows 4 times. Work even until leg, including ribbing, measures 6.5" or desired leg length.

**Begin heel:** Divide stitches so each needle has 20 sts. Heel is worked in rows on 20 sts. Heel pattern:

Row 1: \*slip 1, knit 1, repeat from \*

Row 2: Slip 1, purl across

Repeat these 2 rows until you have worked 20 rows for heel flap. End with a purl row.

### Turn heel:

Row 1: Slip 1, knit 11 sts, knit 2 tog, knit 1, turn

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 5, purl 2 tog, purl 1, turn

Row 3: Slip 1, knit 6, knit 2 tog, knit 1, turn

Row 4: Slip 1, purl 7, purl 2 tog, purl 1, turn

Repeat last 2 rows increasing 1 knit or purl stitch after the slip 1 until all side stitches are included. End with a purl row.

**Gusset:** Knit across needle 1, then pick up and knit 10 sts from side of heel flap plus one stitch in gusset corner. Knit across needle 2. Using a spare needle pickup one st in gusset corner and 10 sts from the side of the heel flap. Knit across needle 1. Stitch count should be 34 sts on needle 1, 20 sts on needle 2.

**Gusset decrease and sock foot:**

Round 1: on needle 1, knit 1, slip, knit, pass slipped stitch over, knit to the last 3 sts, knit 2 tog, knit 1. On needle 2, knit.

Round 2: knit around on both needles

Repeat these 2 rows until there are 20 sts on each needle.

Continue knitting even until sock measures 7.5" or you are approximately 1.5-2" from the top of your longest toe.

**Shape toe:**

Round 1: On each needle, knit 1, slip, knit, pass slipped stitch over, knit to the last 3 sts, knit 2 tog, knit 1.

Round 2: knit around on both needles.

Repeat these 2 rounds until each needle has 8 sts or until sock has desired toe shape.

Graft toe closed.

**Finishing:**

Weave in all ends. Enjoy!