Men's beginner bed socks

US men's 9 to 10½ (EU 42 to 44), foot 10¼ to 10¾ in (26 to 27.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
The foot is about 9¾ in (25 cm) long from the back of the heel to the toe and 9 in (23 cm) round (36 stitches); the leg is about 5½ in (14 cm) tall above the opening for the heel and as wide as the foot

Skill
Beginner

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: navy, the foot and the leg **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: flax, the toe, the heel and the broad band **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 160 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
US men's 7 to 8½ (EU 40 to 42), foot 9½ to 10¼ in (24 to 26 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 280 yd (256 m)
US men's 9 to 10½ (EU 42 to 44), foot 10¼ to 10¾ in (26 to 27.5 cm) (this file)	**9¾ in (25 cm) long, 9 in (23 cm) round**	**about 310 yd (283 m)**
US men's 11 to 12½ (EU 44 to 46), foot 10¾ to 11½ in (27.5 to 29 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm) long, 9½ in (24 cm) round	about 345 yd (315 m)
US men's 13 to 14 (EU 47 to 48), foot 11½ to 12 in (29 to 30.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm) long, 10 in (25.5 cm) round	about 370 yd (338 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet: 16 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After Rnd 6, when there are 36 stitches, lay the toe flat and measure across its edge: about 4½ in (11.5 cm).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and take the size whose range holds that length, or the size whose shoe sizes are yours. Where a measure lies on the line between two sizes, or between two of them, take the larger. The sock is worked ¼ to 1¼ in (0.5 to 3 cm) shorter than the foot and stretches to it.
- Work one whole sock, every part in the order it is printed, then the second sock in the same way. Every part is worked once for each sock, onto the part before it; nothing is worked apart and sewn on. The order is sock, heel.
- The right side faces you throughout and the work is not turned. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round before.
- Choose a soft, plush worsted yarn. In it the stitches are found with the fingers more than with the eye, so count every round.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. At every change cut the old color, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and join the new one afresh: none is carried to a later round.
- In the last rounds the hook goes into the back loop only. The front loops that are left free make the ridges.
- Crocheted soles slip on smooth floors: these socks are for bed and for carpet.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring (MR): lay the yarn round two fingers to form a loop, insert the hook in the loop, draw the working yarn through and ch 1 (this ch does not count as a stitch); work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it.
- Try the sock on as you go: about 4½ rounds are 1 in (2.5 cm). A sock a little shorter than the foot stays on and lies smooth.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 18 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.

(6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

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Sock: make 2, once for each sock

Yarns in order of use: B, flax; A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	

Toe

The sock is one spiral from the toe to the top: the rounds are not joined.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 hdc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 hdc)

Foot

☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 27**	Repeat rnd 8. (36 hdc)	

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Try the toe and foot on, or measure from the tip of the toe: the foot is now about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long, and the heel adds about 2 in (5 cm). For a longer or a shorter foot add rounds here or leave some out: 3½ rounds are about 1 in (2.5 cm).

Opening for the heel

☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 18, sk next 18 sts, hdc in next 18 sts	(1 ch-18 sp, 18 hdc)

The next round goes on into the chains: one stitch into each chain, under two of its strands, then one into each hdc. Do not twist the chain.

☐ **Rnd 29**	Hdc in next 18 chs, hdc in next 18 sts	(36 hdc)

Leg

☐ **Rnd 30**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	With B, hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 40**	With A, hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Hdc in each st around	(36 hdc)

Ridged top

☐ **Rnd 42**	Hdc in BLO of each st around	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 43 to 47**	Repeat rnd 42. (36 hdc) 43 44 45 46 47	
☐ **End**	Sc in the next st and sl st in the st after it, to level the edge; these two do not count. Fasten off.	

Heel: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn B, flax.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 36 places, beginning with the first of the 18 skipped stitches, at the edge of the opening nearer to the toe: 18 stitches of the sock, then 18 chains. The 18 chains are the free edge of the ch 18 that spans the opening. Leave a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) at the join, to close a gap with. The heel is worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 17 sts, sc in next 18 chs	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st to level the round (the sl st does not count as a stitch). Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm). Lay the heel flat with the decreases at its two ends: the first 8 stitches of the round are one layer and the other 8 the second. Sew the 8 pairs of stitches together from the outside, through both loops of each: the first with the last, the 2nd with the last but one, and so on.	

Finishing

- Close the gaps at the two ends of the opening on the inside, with a stitch or two at each: at the end where B was joined use the tail that was left there, at the other a new piece of B 10 in (25.5 cm) long.
- The two socks are alike, left and right.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 3,672 stitches (1,584 in each sock, 252 in each heel).

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