Men's crew 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 9 5/8 in (24.5 cm) long from the back of the heel to the toe and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round (60 stitches); the leg is 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long (41 rounds of the leg) and, unstretched, 9¾ in (25 cm) round (64 stitches)

Skill
Intermediate

Yarn
Super fine (1), 3 colors

Hook
2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge
26 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: slate, the ribbing, the leg and the foot	**about 495 yd (453 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brick, the middle stripe, the heel and the toe	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: oatmeal, the two narrow stripes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 160 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Hook: 2.75 mm (US C-2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a hook 1 mm larger (3.75 mm, US F-5) for the foundation ch, 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)	9 in (23 cm) long, 8½ in (21.5 cm) round	about 595 yd (544 m)
US men's 9 to 10½ (EU 42 to 44), foot 10¼ to 10¾ in (26 to 27.5 cm) (this file)	**9 5/8 in (24.5 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round**	**about 650 yd (594 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, 9¾ in (25 cm) round	about 725 yd (663 m)

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US men's 13 to 14 (EU 47 to 48), foot 11½ to 12 in (29 to 30.5 cm)	10 7/8 in (27.5 cm) long, 10½ in (26.5 cm) round	about 795 yd (727 m)

Gauge

26 stitches and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet: 26 stitches and 23½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After the first 8 rounds in half double crochet, lay the leg flat and measure across it: about 5 in (12.5 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 ½ to 1¼ in (1.5 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 leg, heel flap, heel base, foot. The heel base is the turn of the heel: short rows over the middle of the flap, each joined at its end to the stitches left free at that side.
- In the leg, where the line of a round does not say turn, the round is joined and not turned, whether it begins with ch 1 or with ch 2: its first stitch goes into the stitch at the foot of the starting ch, which is the first stitch of the round before, the one that holds the joining sl st (a post stitch goes round the post of that stitch). In Rnd 1 the first stitch goes into the first ch of the ring. The sl st that closes the round goes into the top of its first stitch. The front of a post stitch is the side that faces you.
- Where the line of a round says turn, the rounds are joined and then turned, so that the right side and the wrong side face you in turn and the stitches do not lean. The ch at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the round before, and the last stitch goes into the first stitch of the round before, the one that holds the joining sl st. Do not work into the sl st or into the starting ch. The rows of the heel are turned in the plain way, and the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch either.
- In a row end the hook goes under two strands of the stitch that stands there.
- The leg has to stretch over the heel: work the foundation ch loosely, with a hook 1 mm larger. A heel and a toe last longer with a fine nylon thread held along with B.
- After a joined round, draw the new color through with the sl st that closes it, and cut the old color, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In the stripes C is cut after its first 2 rounds and joined again in the same way.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- A crocheted sole slips on a smooth floor: wear the socks on carpet or in shoes.
- Try the sock on as you go: about 7½ rounds are 1 in (2.5 cm). A sock a little shorter than the foot stays on and lies smooth.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

RS right side, the one that shows.

[ ] 32 times: work what is inside 32 times in all.

(64 dc): 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.

hdc2tog (Half double crochet 2 together (UK htr2tog)): Yarn over, insert the hook in the next st and draw up a loop, yarn over, insert the hook in the st after it and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

FPdc (Front post double crochet (UK raised treble at the front)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked.

BPdc (Back post double crochet (UK raised treble at the back)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked.

hj: Heel join: the end of a row of the heel base is joined to the heel flap. Insert the hook in the next free st of the last row of the heel flap at that side, the one beside the heel base, then in the free st after it, yarn over and draw through all the loops on the hook. It is not counted and not worked into.

Leg: make 2, once for each sock

Yarns in order of use: A, slate; C, oatmeal; B, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 64, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Ribbing

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	(64 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(32 FPdc, 32 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 9**	Repeat rnd 2. (32 FPdc, 32 BPdc)	

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Stripes

☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)

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Leg

☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, ch 1, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 41**	Repeat rnd 18. (64 hdc) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	
☐ **End**	The right side faces you at the end of the last round. Draw the leg over your heel before you go on; if it does not pass, work the leg again with a larger hook. Fasten off.	

Heel flap: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn B, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 34 places, beginning with the first hdc of the last round of the leg: 34 stitches of the leg. The other 30 stitches of the leg are left free for the top of the foot.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 33 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(34 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 20**	Repeat row 2. (34 sc) 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
☐ **End**	The flap has 20 rows, the last one with the wrong side facing you. Fasten off.	

Heel base: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn B, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 14 places, the 14 stitches in the middle of the last row of the flap, with 10 stitches of that row left free before them and 10 after them: 14 stitches of the heel flap.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 13 sts, hj	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, hj	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 10**	Repeat row 2. (14 sc) 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	No free stitch of the flap is left at either side, and the wrong side faces you. Fasten off.	

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Foot: make 2, once for each sock

Yarns in order of use: A, slate; B, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 84 places, beginning with the 8th stitch of the last row of the heel base, counted from the right-hand edge, which is the first one past its middle: 7 stitches of the heel base, then 20 row ends of the heel flap, then 30 stitches of the leg, then 20 row ends of the heel flap, then 7 stitches of the heel base. The 30 stitches of the leg are the ones that were left free.

Gusset

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in next 6 sts, sc in end of each of next 20 rows, sc in next 30 sts, sc in end of each of next 20 rows, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 25 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 25 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (82 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 23 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (78 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (76 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 21 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 21 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (74 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 19 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (70 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (68 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 15 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 15 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (62 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (60 hdc)

Foot

☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (60 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 38**	Repeat rnd 14. (60 hdc)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

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Try the sock on, or measure it from the back of the heel: the foot is now about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long, and the toe adds about 1 7/8 in (5 cm). For a longer or a shorter foot add rounds here or leave some out: 6 rounds of half double crochet are about 1 in (2.5 cm).

Toe

☐ **Rnd 39**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 47**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 48**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 49**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm). With the right side of the sock outside, lay the toe flat so that the join is in the middle of the sole: stitches 7 to 18 of the last round are the top, the other 12 are the sole. Run the tail along the inside, under the stitches of the last round, from the join to stitch 7 at the side, and bring it out there. Sew the 12 pairs of stitches together from the outside, through both loops of each, the 7th to the 6th, the 8th to the 5th, and so on across; stitch 18 meets stitch 19 at the other side.	

Finishing

- The two socks are alike, left and right.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces.

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