Men's ribbed knee 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 9½ in (24 cm) long from the back of the heel to the toe and 8¾ in (22 cm) round (44 stitches); the leg is about 14¾ in (37.5 cm) long from the fold to the heel flap, about 12 in (30.5 cm) round at the calf and about 9½ in (24 cm) at the ankle, the rib not stretched

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: moss, the leg and the foot **about 750 yd (686 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: mustard, the edge of the turned down top, the heel and the toe **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 340 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a hook 1 mm larger (4.5 mm, US 7) for the top edge, 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, 8¾ in (22 cm) round	about 790 yd (722 m)
US men's 9 to 10½ (EU 42 to 44), foot 10¼ to 10¾ in (26 to 27.5 cm) (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm) long, 8¾ in (22 cm) round**	**about 855 yd (782 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 935 yd (855 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)	11 in (28 cm) long, 9½ in (24 cm) round	about 1,010 yd (924 m)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet, in the rows of the leg (not stretched) and in the rounds of the foot: 20 stitches and 18 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After the first 10 rows of the leg, measure at the end that is in half double crochet from the foundation ch to the top of the last row, the rib not stretched: about 2¼ in (5.5 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 up to 1¼ in (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. The order is leg, top edge, heel flap, foot.
- Every row of the leg has a part in half double crochet, which is the calf, and a part in single crochet, which is the ankle: the lower stitches make the ankle narrower than the calf. Not stretched, 18 rows of the leg measure 4 in (10 cm) at the calf, and 23 rows measure 4 in (10 cm) at the ankle. From Row 2 on all stitches of the leg go into the back loop only, the first and the last of the row too; that is what makes the ribs. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The rounds of the top edge are joined and not turned: the ch 1 does not count, the first stitch goes into the stitch at the foot of the ch 1, the one that holds the joining sl st, and the sl st that closes a round goes into the top of its first stitch.
- The rounds of the foot 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 flap are turned in the plain way, and the ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch either.
- Where a round begins in the end of a row, the words "same st as the join" mean the row end in which the yarn was joined. In a row end the needle or the hook goes under two strands of the stitch that stands there.
- 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).
- 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 6 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), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

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

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 8 sts**: one in each.

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

(64 hdc, 24 sc): the stitches you have when the row 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.

Leg: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn A, moss.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 89.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 63 chs, sc in next 24 chs	(64 hdc, 24 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of next 24 sts, hdc in BLO of next 64 sts	(24 sc, 64 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in BLO of next 64 sts, sc in BLO of next 24 sts	(64 hdc, 24 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 54**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

☐ **End**	The leg has 54 rows, and the hook is at the top edge, the one with the half double crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm). Now sew the back seam with this tail, from the top edge down: the chain that holds the first stitch of Row 1 meets the last stitch of Row 54, and so on for 88 pairs, each chain with both loops of its stitch (the 1 chain that was skipped at the start of Row 1 is left out). For the first 14 pairs hold the edges with the wrong sides together; for the others hold them with the right sides together. (The first 14 pairs will be turned down, and so the seam lies hidden in both places.) The end with the single crochet is the ankle. Turn the leg so that the right side is outside.

Top edge: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	The top edge is worked with the larger hook. Hold the leg with the wrong side facing you (the inside of the leg, which shows when the top is turned down) and the top edge up; join B with a sl st in the first of 54 places, beginning at the seam: 54 row ends of the leg.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in same st as the join, hdc in end of each of next 53 rows, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Draw the leg over your heel before you go on; if it does not pass, work the leg again with a larger hook.	

Heel flap: make 2, once for each sock

Yarn B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the ankle edge up, join B with a sl st in the first of 26 places, the row end that is the 13th to the right of the seam at the ankle (to the left for a left-handed maker), so that the seam is in the middle of the flap: 26 row ends of the leg. The other 28 row ends 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 end of each of next 25 rows	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 11 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	The flap has 16 rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm). Fold the last row in half with the right sides together, so that its first stitch meets its last, and sew the 11 pairs of stitches together, through both loops of each. This seam runs under the heel, from the back (at the fold) to its front end (where the first and the last stitch of the row meet). Turn the heel right side out.	

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Foot: make 2, once for each sock

Yarns in order of use: A, moss; B, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 60 places, beginning at the front end of the seam under the heel and going up along the edge of the flap: 16 row ends of the heel flap, then 28 row ends of the leg, then 16 row ends of the heel flap. The 28 row ends of the leg are the ones that were left free.	

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 59 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 11 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(50 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 9 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc)

Foot

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 25**	Repeat rnd 10. (44 hdc)	

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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 with the toe it will be about 9½ in (24 cm). For a longer or a shorter foot add rounds here or leave some out: 4½ rounds of half double crochet are about 1 in (2.5 cm).

Toe

☐ **Rnd 26**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	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 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 29**	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 30**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	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 32**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	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 34**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(28 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	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)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm). Lay the toe flat so that the join is in the middle of the sole: stitches 6 to 15 of the last round are the top, the other 10 are the sole. Run the tail along the inside, behind stitches 1 to 5, to the side edge between stitches 5 and 6. From there sew the 10 pairs of stitches together from the outside, through both loops of each, the 6th to the 5th, the 7th to the 4th, and so on across; stitch 15 meets stitch 16 at the other side.	

Finishing

- The two socks are alike, left and right.
- Turn the top down over the outside, 3½ in (9 cm) deep, so that the edge of B shows all round.
- Weave in every tail on the inside; those of the top edge on the side that the turned down top hides.

In all: 2 pieces; 13,736 stitches (4,752 in each leg, 174 in each top edge, 410 in each heel flap, 1,532 in each foot).

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