Top down socks

Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm) · US terms



Finished size

The foot is about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long from the back of the heel to the toe and 8¾ in (22 cm) round (52 stitches); the leg is 6¼ in (16 cm) long (33 rounds of the leg) and, unstretched, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round (56 stitches)

To fit a foot of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

3 mm

Gauge

24 stitches and 28 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sage, the ribbing, the leg and the foot **about 420 yd (384 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the line below the ribbing, the heel and the toe **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a hook 1 mm larger (4 mm, US G-6) for the foundation ch, 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	Foot	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Women's small	9 in (23 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm) long, 8 in (20.5 cm) round	about 470 yd (430 m)
Women's medium (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm) long, 8¾ in (22 cm) round**	**about 530 yd (485 m)**
Women's large	10 in (25.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round	about 595 yd (544 m)
Men's medium	10½ in (26.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm) long, 9¼ in (23.5 cm) round	about 620 yd (567 m)
Men's large	11 in (28 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm) long, 10 in (25.5 cm) round	about 680 yd (622 m)
Men's extra large	11½ in (29 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) round	about 765 yd (700 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

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. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row or round.

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. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row or round.

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. It leaves 1 hj for the next row or round.

Gauge

24 stitches and 28 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet: 24 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). After the first 8 rounds in half double crochet, lay the leg flat and measure across it: about 4¾ in (12 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.

Before you start

- Measure the foot from the back of the heel to the tip of the longest toe and choose the size with the nearest foot length.
- The pattern makes a pair: a part headed (make 2) is worked once for each sock. Each sock is worked in this order: 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.

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- 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 1 or ch 2, 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 1 or ch 2 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.
- 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.
- The leg has to stretch over the heel: work the foundation ch loosely, with a hook 1 mm larger, and before you begin the flap, draw the leg over your heel. If it does not pass, work the leg again with a larger hook.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Women's medium, foot 9½ in (24 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, dc is treble, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 56, 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	**(56 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc)**

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Leg

☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 1, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 33**	Repeat rnd 10. (56 hdc)	

A box for each round, 11 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33

☐ **End**	The right side faces you at the end of the last round. Fasten off.	

Heel flap: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 30 places, beginning with the first hdc of the last round of the leg: 30 stitches of the leg. The other 26 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 29 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 18**	Repeat row 2. (30 sc)	

A box for each row, 3 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **End**	The flap has 18 rows, the last one with the wrong side facing you. Fasten off.	

Heel base: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 8 stitches of that row left free before them and 8 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 8**	Repeat row 2. (14 sc)	

A box for each row, 3 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	No free stitch of the flap is left at either side. Fasten off.	

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Foot: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 76 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 18 row ends of the heel flap, then 26 stitches of the leg, then 18 row ends of the heel flap, then 7 stitches of the heel base. The 26 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 18 rows, sc in next 26 sts, sc in end of each of next 18 rows, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(76 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 23 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(74 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 21 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 21 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(70 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(68 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 19 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(66 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 17 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(62 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 15 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 15 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

Foot

☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnds 15 to 34**	Repeat rnd 14. (52 hdc)	

A box for each round, 15 to 34: tick them off as you go.

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

Toe

☐ **Rnd 35**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	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 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	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 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	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 41**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	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 43**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	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 45**	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 46**	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 47**	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 14 in (35.5 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. 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.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 4 pieces.

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