

OLD FASHIONED PUFFY TOE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

An original design by Deborah Brown

Materials: #8 Straight and #8 16 inch circular needles

300 yards of heavy worsted weight wool (gauge of 4 stitches per inch)

2 stitch markers

2 stitch holders

Cast on 68 Stitches and do a K2, P2 Ribbing for 1 inch. Continue in straight stitch, binding off 1 stitch each side every 7 rows until you have 52 stitches. Continue to knit until your stocking measures 12 inches from the beginning.

BEGIN HEEL CONSTRUCTION:

Knit 13 stitches. Place remaining 39 stitches on holder.

Turn work and purl back.

K 12, Purl back

K 11, P back

K10, P back

K 9, P back

K8, P back

K7, P back

K 6, P back

THEN :

K 7, P back

K 8, P back

K 9, P back

K 10 P back

K 11, P back

K 12, P back



K 13, P back

Place stitches on holder, cut yarn.

Pick up 13 stitches from previous holder, leave center 26 stitches on holder.

Knit 13, turn, purl 12

Turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 11, turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 10, turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 9, turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 8, turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 7, turn, slip 1, knit to end.

Turn, purl 8, turn, knit

Turn, purl 9, turn, knit.

Turn, purl 10, turn, knit.

Turn, purl 11, turn, knit.

Turn, purl 12, turn, knit.

Turn, purl 13.

Place a marker. Purl 26 stitches from holder. Place marker. Purl 13 stitches from holder. Begin knitting in the round with your circular needle until foot measures 6 inches.

BEGIN DECREASE FOR TOE:

Decrease 1 stitch before and after each marker every other round 3 times, then decrease every round until work is too tight on circular needle. Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread a needle and pick up all stitches from circular needle. Pull stitches together and fasten off securely on inside of stocking. Sew up side seam. Crochet hanging strap, sew on a ribbon or hang from a nail.

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FOR MORE ADVANCED KNITTERS:

Instead of the usual ribbing, you might want to start with a lacy cuff like the one in the picture.