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## GENERAL RULES FOR KNITTING STOCKINGS.

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Size of needles depends upon the knitter. Needles Nos. 16, 15, and 14, are the sizes generally used.

For Ladies' Stockings, Merino Wool is the best, and will require needles either 16 or 15.

For Gentlemen's Knickerbocker Stockings, the Scotch Finger-ing is best, and will require needles either 15 or 14.

In ribbed Stockings, the most elastic are made by knit 3, seam 1, alternately.

The enclosed rules for knitting Stockings are on the same plan as "How to knit Socks," and it is presumed the knitter under-stands how to take up side of heel, and narrow down the leg which is fully explained in "How to knit Socks."

In Stockings, to make them a good shape, it is important to reduce them once, then increase them three times, before you commence the narrowing for calf of leg.

Observe, the length of leg and foot can be increased or decreased if necessary. The directions here given are the average sizes, but in all knitting size of needles and wool make a great difference, and this must be remembered in casting on for the different sizes.

To increase or raise a stitch. Take up the loop from back of stitch you are going to knit and knit it first.

Remember always to increase or decrease on *same needle*, which must be your back needle, the increasing or decreasing being down centre of back of Stocking.

It must not be forgotten that in all ribbed Stockings, at the increasing or decreasing, the knitter must be careful to preserve the uniformity of the ribbing as much as possible, knitting or seaming the stitch accordingly.

In reducing for toe, some persons prefer narrowing every two rows instead of every other, but this must be left entirely to the choice of knitters.

The receipts given are for *ribbed* Stockings, but they are precisely the same for a plain knitted Stocking, *only* to be all plain knitting instead of *ribbing*. In receipt given for Boy's Stocking, if knitted in *Merino Wool*, needles 16 or 15, it makes a very good-sized Child's Stocking, being about one size less than when knitted in *Scotch fingering*.

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## LADIES RIBBED STOCKINGS IN MERINO WOOL.

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Needles 16 or 15. Ribbed by knitting 3 and seaming 1.

Cast on 136 stitches on three needles, 44 on 2 and 48 on the third. Knit 3 seam 1, until you have knitted six inches and a half in length. You must then reduce in the back needle *only* when you are three from the centre stitch by knitting two together Knit or seam 1. Knit or seam the centre stitch as required, knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one and continue to rib the stocking as before.

Rib 9 rounds, and on the 10th round in back needle raise a stitch by taking one up at the back and knitting it when within 2 of centre stitch. Knit or seam 1. Knit or seam centre stitch, knit 1, raise a stitch as before, then continue to rib to end of needle. You have made 2 extra stitches on this needle.

Rib 9 rounds and on the 10th round raise 2 stitches on back needle same as before.

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You have now reduced once and increased three times and you must have 140 stitches on your needles.

\* Rib 9 rounds plain and on 10th round in back needle reduce 2 stitches as you did at commencement. Repeat from \* 16 times, then rib 36 rounds plain. This finishes the Stocking to heel and you will now have 106 stitches on your needles.

Prepare for heel by putting 54 stitches on back needle, taking stitches from both the other needles on to this.

Ribs 36 rows for heel (the back rows will be seam 3, knit 1.) Remember 1st stitch of every row is to be *slipped* off, not knitted or seamed. Round your heel by knitting 35 stitches, take 2 together \* turn your needle, seam 17, take two together, turn your needle, knit 17, take 2 together, repeat from \* until there are only 18 stitches left on heel needle.

Take up as in socks from sides of heel, 18 stitches, 5 stitches from front needle, and 9 from heel, which will give you 32 stitches on each side needle, and 42 on front needle.

The front needle must be ribbed throughout foot, until you begin to narrow off for toe, when it is all plain knitting.

After you have got the 32 stitches on both side needles, you must, when you again come to 1st side needle, knit 9, make 1 by taking up from back, knit 3, make 1, knit 5, This needle has 39 stitches.

After ribbing front needle on 2nd side needle, knit 5, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1 knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 9, this needle has 39 stitches on it, and *both side* needles are now knitted plain not ribbed.

Reduce at foot as in socks, until you have 106 stitches or rather less on your needles. Knit your foot the length you wish, and narrow off the toe as in Socks.

This Stocking can be made larger or less in the same way as gentlemens' knickerbocker Stockings; but be very careful to keep the ribbing as even as you can in your back needle, knitting or seaming the stitches as suits your reducing best.

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## GENTLEMAN'S KNICKERBOCKER STOCKING IN SCOTCH FINGERING.

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Needles 15 or 14.

Cast on 124 stitches on three needles—40 on two and 44 on the third. Knit 3, seam 1, until you have knitted seven inches and a-half in length; you must then reduce in back needle only *when you are three from the centre stitch* by knitting two together. Knit or seam 1. Knit or seam the centre stitch as required. Knit 1, slip 1, knit 1, pull the slipped stitch over the knitted one and continue to rib the Stocking as before.

Rib 8 rounds, and on the 9th round in back needle raise a stitch by taking one up at the back and knitting it, when within two of centre stitch. Knit or seam 1, knit or seam centre stitch. Knit 1, raise a stitch as before, then continue to rib to end of needle—you have made 2 extra stitches on this needle.

Rib 8 rounds, and on the 9th round raise 2 stitches on back needle same as before.

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You have now reduced once and increased three times, and you must have 128 stitches on your needles.

\*Rib 8 rounds plain, and on 9th round in *back needle* reduce 2 stitches as you did at commencement. Repeat from \* 16 times, then rib 34 rounds plain. This finishes the Stocking to heel and you will now have 94 stitches on your needles. Prepare for heel by putting 48 stitches on back needle, taking stitches from both the other needles on to this, which will leave 23 on each of the other needles.

Rib 34 rows for heel (the back rows will be seam 3, knit 1). Remember 1st stitch of every row is to be slipped off, not knitted or seamed.

Round your heel by knitting 31 stitches, take 2 together \* turn your needle, seam 15, take 2 together, turn your needle, knit 15, take 2 together, repeat from \* until you have only 16 stitches left on your heel needle.

Take up, as in Socks, from sides of heel 17 stitches, 5 stitches from front needle, and 8 from heel, which will give you 30 stitches on the side needles and 36 on the front.

The front needle must be ribbed throughout foot until you begin to narrow off for toe, when it is all plain knitting.

After you have got the 30 stitches on both side needles, you must, when you again come to 1st side heedle, knit 8, make 1, by taking up a stitch from the back, kuit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, krit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 2, make 1, knit 5. This needle has 37 stitches.

After ribbing front needle, on 2nd side needle knit 5, make 1, knit 2, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 8. This needle has now 37 stitches on it, and *both side* needles are now knitted plain, *not* ribbed.

Reduce foot as in Socks until you have 94 stitches on your needles, knit your foot the length you require, and narrow off the toe as in Socks.

This Stocking can be easily lengthened by increasing 4 times instead of 3, and narrowing 18 times instead of 17, which will bring the number of stitches for heel and foot same as above rules. but the same number of ribbed rounds must be knitted between the extra decrease and increase.

If you require this Stocking shorter in the leg, instead of ribbing 8 rounds between each narrowing put only 6, and rib 6 inches and a-half at commencement instead of 7.

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## BOY'S OR GIRL'S STOCKING IN SCOTCH FINGERING.

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This can be either knitted plain or ribbed. The following directions are for a plain Stocking, but the number of stitches will be just the same for a ribbed Stocking, the only difference is, instead of plain rounds, rib. Cast on 96 stitches (32 on each needle.)

Rib 42 rounds.

Knit 26 rounds plain.

Reduce on back needle same as in Socks.

Knit 5 rounds plain.

Increase on back needle by taking up a stitch at the back when within two of centre stitch, seam centre stitch, knit 1, raise a stitch as before, then continue to knit plain to end of round.

Knit 5 rounds plain.

Increase 2 stitches in back needle as before.

Knit 5 rounds plain.

Increase on back needle as before.

Knit 5 rounds plain. You will now have 100 stitches on your needles.

Reduce 14 times, knitting 5 rounds plain between each narrowing.

Knit 26 rounds plain. Have 72 stitches in all on your needles.

Put as many stitches on your heel or back needle as you have on both the others together (taking same number from both side needles). Thus put 36 on heel and 18 on each side needle.

Knit and seam alternate rows for heel, 28 rows in all. Remember to slip off first stitch of every row. Round your heel by knitting 23 stitches, take two together,\* turn your needle, seam 11, take two together; turn your needle, knit 11, take 2 together; repeat from \* until there are only 12 stitches left on heel needle.

Take up as in Socks from sides of heel, 14 stitches, and five stitches from front needles, and six from heel, which gives 25 stitches on each side needle, and 26 on front needle.

In next round knit 6, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1 knit 2, make 1, knit 5, which gives 31 on first side needle.

Knit front needle plain.

2nd side needle, knit 5, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 3, make 1, knit 2, make 1, knit 6, which gives 31 stitches on this needle

Reduce foot as in Socks and continue reducing until you have 72 stitches in all on your needles. Knit foot length required and narrow off for toe; but before commencing to reduce for toe, put 36 on front needle, and 18 on each side needle, then reduce as in Socks.

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