

Treasure Forest Sock Bookmark

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*This little bookmark represents two elements from **Treasure Forest**: the socks that save a mother's sanity, and the golden thread that guides characters home. By the time the reader finishes the book, the full meaning of the socks and golden thread will be known.*

Materials

Yellow yarn, fingering to sport weight, to match Sara's socks, ideally the color of the lettering on the book's cover

A pair of circular needles, of a size suitable for your yarn

A crochet hook suitable for crocheting a chain with your yarn

A tapestry needle

Note: This pattern is written for two circular needles. For a full explanation of the method, please see Socks Soar on Two Circular Needles by Cat Bordi, published by Passing Paws Press, ISBN 0-9708869-5-0.

Start at the toe with figure-8 cast-on

Holding the circular needles parallel to each other, make a slip knot and place it around one needle. Tightly wrap the yarn around the needles as if you are drawing a series of "8's", stacking them up on the two needles. Make 3 figure-8's. Slide one needle (we'll call it n#2) so it hangs from the middle of its cable, while you knit the 3 sts on the other needle (n#1) with each end of the needle. Now let n#1 hang while you do the same thing with n#2 and its 3 sts. Undo the slip knot and let it go. Knit one more round.

Increase round: *Knit 1, m1L, k1, m1r, k1, repeat from * on n#2.

Knit 6 rounds.



Gusset increase rounds

Round 1: On n#1, m1r, k to end, m1L.
On n#2, k5.

Round 2: K all sts.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 twice more.

You now have 11 sts on n#1 and 5 on n#2.

Heel

Let n#2 rest while you work short rows back and forth on n#1:

Row 1: K 7, SSK, turn.

Row 2: S 1, p3, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: S 1, k3, ssk, turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 once, then repeat row 2.

Leg

Resume knitting with both needles now, in rounds again.

Round 1: On n#1, k5. On n#2, m1r, k5, m1L.

Rounds 2 - 8: K all sts.

Finish with a sewn cast-off

Cut a 30" tail, and use tapestry needle to work sewn cast-off as follows: *Draw yarn through first two sts as if to purl. Draw yarn back through first st as if to knit, and remove from needle.* Repeat until all sts have been cast off, and weave the end down the inside. Knit a second sock. Now attach the yarn to the back cuff of one sock and crochet-chain 10", then attach to the other sock. Stuff all the ends inside.

Abbreviations:

Note: slip all sts purlwise.

m1r: (make 1 right) pick up the right side of the st below the next st, and k into it.

m1L: (make 1 left) pick up the left side of the st below the st you just worked, and k into it.

For adventurous knitters: If you know the invisible cast-on, you may use it instead of the figure-8 cast-on. And if you want to learn a great trick, try this: use the cable of the second needle in place of waste yarn, and the sts will be ready to work without having to pick them out of the waste yarn.