



### **Fortissima Colori Socka Color- Man's Medium-Extra Lg**

Approx. shoe size 9(10-11,12-13) 3- 50 gram balls

Needle Size: US 2 / 2.75 mm (or size to gauge)

**Construction: Top Down with 5 needles.**

Cuff: 9 (9½,10) inches Gauge: 8 stitches per inch

Total Stitches: 72(76,80) Rib Repeat: 2 sts.

Heel Style: Short Row; Width: Standard; Stitch: Stockinette

Toe Style: Standard; Toe Shape: Standard

**Ribbing and Leg:** Cast on 72(76,80) stitches. Join in a ring being careful not to twist. Mark join as the beginning of the round and center of heel. Divide stitches over 4 needles.

18(19,20) Begin knitting with your desired ribbing pattern and knit circularly for approximately 2 inches. Knit one round even. Beginning with Needle 1 and selected motif (or ss), knit leg stitches until desired leg height is reached.

**Begin Heel:** NOTE: Heel is worked in rows on 36(38,40) stitches. Begin Short Row Shaping:

Row 1: Knit across stitches until the last stitch, yarn forward, slip the next stitch as if to purl, yarn back, slip the wrapped stitch back to the left needle needle. Turn. The last stitch is now wrapped, on the right hand needle and remains unworked.

Row 2: Purl across row until the last stitch, yarn back, turn. The last stitch is now wrapped, on the right hand needle and remains unworked.

Row 3: Knit across the row until the stitch before the last wrapped stitch, yarn forward, slip the next stitch as if to purl, yarn back, slip the wrapped stitch back to the left needle. Turn.

Row 4: Purl across to the stitch before the last wrapped stitch, slip the next stitch, yarn back, return the slipped stitch to your left needle, yarn forward. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until 13(14,14) stitches remain unwrapped. End ready for a right side row.

Reverse Short Row Shaping:

NOTE: You will find your short rows will be more attractive if you slip the wrap up and over the stitch before knitting it together with the stitch.

Row 1: Knit across to the next wrapped stitch. Knit the stitch together with the wrap. Next: Bring your yarn forward, slip the next stitch as if to purl, yarn back, slip the wrapped stitch back to the left needle, turn. This stitch now has two wraps.

Row 2: Purl across to the next wrapped stitch. Purl the stitch together with the wrap, yarn back, slip the next stitch to your right needle, yarn forward, return the stitch to your left needle. Turn.

For the rest of the shaping you will be adding a second wrap to each stitch.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have worked all the wrapped stitches. Be sure to slip both wraps over the stitch before knitting them together with the wrapped stitch.

**Sock Foot:** Continue knitting in stockinette on needles 1 and 4 and in pattern on needle 2 and 3 until you are approximately 1 1/2 to 2 inches from the top of your longest toe.

**Shape Toe:** Rnd 1:

Needle 1: Knit until the last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit around.

Needle 3: Knit until the last 3 stitches, K2 tog, K1

Needle 4: K1, SSK, knit around.

Rnd 2: Knit around

Continue in this manner until you have approximately 32 stitches remaining or until sock has your desired toe shape. Graft toe closed.

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