



# MOJAVE

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TOE-UP SOCKS  
WITH  
AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

## ABOUT

A practical pair of socks with clean design, and unisex usefulness that will highlight the beauty of a hand-dyed yarn without being too simple or boring to knit.

The pattern is written for using circular needles and magic – loop method. It is a great introduction to Toe-Up socks knitting and Afterthought Heel.



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## MATERIALS

- MC – 1 skein of BELLE by ARTFIL, col. Mojave (80% Merino SW/ 20% Nylon; 354 m 100 g. or approx. 250-350m of fingering weight yarn (will vary depending on the size of your socks)
- CC – approx. 100m of the same weight yarn in contrast colour, The sample uses BELLE by ARTFIL, col. Fjord
- US 1.5 (2.50 mm) 32"-40" circular needles or size to obtain gauge.
- Darning needle
- Scrap yarn in contrast colour
- Stitch marker(s) - optional

## HELPFUL LINKS

Judy's Magic Cast-On (photo tutorial)

<http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>

Increases M1L and M1R (video tutorial)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkOwLvcG7m8>

Afterthought heel (photo tutorial)

<https://www.dummies.com/crafts/knitting/knitting-projects/how-to-knit-an-afterthought-heel/>

Kitchener stitch/grafting (video tutorial)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7i5JwEReW0>

## SIZES

S(M, L) measured foot circumference

Small 6.5"/16.5cm unstretched, 8"/20.25cm stretched

Medium 8"/20.25cm unstretched, 10"/25.5cm stretched

Large 9"/22.75cm unstretched, 11"/28cm stretched

## GAUGE

28 stitches and 32 rows per 4"/10 cm

Measured over stockinet stitch in the round.



## GLOSSARY

MC – Main colour

CC – Contrast colour

K – Knit

P- Purl

K2tog – Knit 2 sts. Together

SSK – Slip 2 sts. knitwise, then knit them together.

M1L – Make 1 left

M1R – Make 1 right

pm – Place marker

sm – slip marker

## DIRECTIONS (Make 2)

Using Judy's magic Cast-On or your preferred toe-up cast-on, and CC (contrast colour) cast on total of 24 (28, 28) stitches, placed 12(14, 14) per needle. You may want to insert a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Knit one round to secure the cast-one stitches.

### TOE

**Round 1:** \*k1, M1L, k to the last stitch on the needle, M1R, k1; repeat from \* for the other needle. ( 4 sts increased)

**Round 2:** Knit across the round.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have 56 (60, 64) stitches.

**Cut CC, join MC (main colour)**

### FOOT

The stitches on the first needle will be the instep stitches, the second needle will be the sole stitches.

**Round 3:** Knit across the round.

**Round 4:** k1(k2,k3), [p1, k4]x5, k1(k2,k3), k to the end of round

Repeat rounds 3 & 4 until foot measures 15.5(17.0, 18,5) cm (5.5", 6", 6.5") from beginning of MC.

Next round is the afterthought heel placement: knit the stitches on the first needle. With a scrap yarn in contrast colour knit the stitches on the second needle. Slide back the already knitted with the scrap yarn stitches back onto the left-hand needle and then knit them again with your MC.

### LEG

**Round 5:** \*k1(k2,k3), [p1, k4]x5, k1(k2,k3), repeat from \* for the second needle.

**Round 6:** Knit across the round.

Repeat rounds 5 & 6 until leg measures 15.5(17.0, 18,5) cm (5.5", 6", 6.5") from scrap yarn stitches (afterthought heel placement).



## **CUFF**

Cut MC, join CC

Size Small only Set up Round: k1, M1L, knit to the ends of the first needle, k1, M1L, knit to the end of the second needle.

Size Medium and Large Set up Round: Knit across round

Round 7: \*K2, p2; repeat from \* across round.

Work round 7 until your cuff measures 2" (5 cm), or your desired length. Bind off using a stretchy bind-off.

## **AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL**

With the toe pointing down, and working from right to the left, pick up the right leg of all stitches directly below the scrap yarn. Rotate work, so the toe is now pointing up, and again working from right to the left, pick up the right leg of all the stitches below the scrap yarn. You should have 28 (30, 32) stitches on each needle or 56 (60, 64) total stitches.

Cut or pull out the scrap yarn to start working in the round again.

Set-up round: Join CC, and pick up and knit 1 stitch right before your first working stitch, knit to end of the first needle. Pick up 1 stitch right after the last stitch of the first needle. Repeat for the second needle.

The 4 picked-up stitches will close up the gap between needles

Round 1: Knit across the round.

Round 2: \*K1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches on the first needle, k2tog, k1; repeat from \* across the second needle.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until you have 24 total stitches. Cut your yarn leaving a 25 cm (10") tail.

Make sure you have equal number of stitches on the needles. Using Kitchener stitch, graft together all stitches.

## **FINISHING**

Weave in all ends.

Enjoy your Mojave socks!