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# HIKER'S BOOT TOPPERS

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Tall sock tops that stay tucked into your boots, perfect for the outdoorsman or urbanite.  
Worked in the round, following an easy colour-work chart. Adult size.

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference at calf 34 cm / 13½"  
Circumference at ankle 25.5 cm / 10"  
Length from upper cuff to heel opening 37 cm / 14½"

## MATERIALS

### YARN

- 1 skein each in 3 colours (**A**, **B** and **C**) of ESTELLE DOUBLE KNIT, 50% acrylic, 40% wool, 10% nylon, approx 250 m / 273 yds and 100 g / 3½ oz per skein
- Shown in colour: **A** Q65541  
**B** Q65542  
**C** Q65502

### NEEDLES and NOTIONS

- Circular needle size 4 mm / US 6, 30 cm / 12" long, or size to obtain gauge
- Circular needle size 3 mm / US 2, 30 cm / 12" long for upper rib cuff and either a set of double point needles, a second circular needle, or a long circular needle (for magic loop) in same size for lower rib cuff
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

## GAUGE

24 sts and 25 rounds = 10 cm / 4" following colour-work chart in stranded St st, with larger needle, blocked  
36 sts and 32 rounds = 10 cm / 4" over 1 X 1 rib with smaller needle, blocked

## STOCKINETTE STITCH (St st)

**All rounds (RS):** Knit.

## 1 X 1 RIB

Multiple of 2 sts

**All rounds (RS):** [K1, p1] rep to end of rnd.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Cont** - continue(ing)

**K** - knit.

**K2tog** - right leaning decrease of 1 stitch. Knit 2 stitches together as one.

**LH** - left hand

**P** - purl

**P2tog** - right leaning decrease of 1 stitch. Purl 2 stitches together as one.

**Rep** - repeat

**Rnd(s)** - round(s)

**RH** - right hand

**RS** - right side

**St(s)** - stitch(es)

**WS** - wrong side

**YB** - yarn to the back

**YF** - yarn to the front

[ ] - repeat inside instructions a specific number of times.

\* to \* - repeat inside instructions as directed.

## GLOSSARY

**KFB: knit front and back** - increase one stitch. Knit the next stitch, but do not remove from left-hand needle. Insert tip of right-hand needle behind the left-hand needle and knit into the back of the same stitch. Slip both from left-hand needle.

**Knit-on / cast on** - From either a slip knot or next stitch on LH needle, \* insert RH needle knitwise into the next stitch on the LH needle, wrap the yarn around and draw through to form a knit stitch, in one motion, slip this stitch to LH needle knitwise, so it is properly aligned.\* Repeat from \*to\* for each stitch required to be cast on.

## NOTES

- When working through colour-work chart, a two-handed stranding technique is recommended (not required). Carry yarn strands loosely across the back of work and hold colour **C** in the left hand (picking) and colour **A** or **B** in the right hand (throwing).

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- Only cut yarn colours **B** and **C** once colour-work is complete, leaving a 15 cm / 6" strand. Carry colour(s) not in use loosely up the back of work, weaving it under the working colours.
- Jogless join:** It is recommended (not required) to slip the first stitch of the next round purlwise to the RH needle, placing it at the end of the round. The beginning of the round will move forward in a spiral by 1 stitch each time. Be sure to keep the continuity of the colour-work chart.

### INSTRUCTIONS (make two)

#### UPPER CUFF

With smaller circular needle and using colour **A**, cast on 80 sts. Place stitch marker at beginning and join in round, taking care not to twist stitches. Work even in 1 X 1 rib until upper cuff measures 7.5 cm / 3".

#### LEG

Change to larger circular needle, cont with colour **A** and knit 1 round.

Cont working in stranded St st, joining colours **B** and **C** as required. Work through 32 rounds of colour-work chart, beginning at round 1.

#### SHAPE LEG

Repeat rounds 1 to 32 of colour-work chart again and decrease on the rounds indicated below as follows:

**Rnd 2:** [K18, k2tog] 4 times. 76 sts now on needle.

**Rnd 8:** [K8, k2tog, k9] 4 times. 72 sts now on needle.

**Rnd 13:** [K16, k2tog] 4 times. 68 sts now on needle.

**Rnd 19:** [K7, k2tog, k8] 4 times. 64 sts now on needle.

**Rnd 26:** [K14, k2tog] 4 times. 60 sts now on needle.

Cont even with 60 sts until end of colour-work chart on rnd 32. Cut colours **B** and **C**, do not cut colour **A**.

#### LOWER CUFF

Change to smaller circular needle (switch to an alternate technique or set of double point needles as required) and cont with colour **A**. Work even in 1 X 1 rib until lower cuff measures 4 cm / 1½".

#### HEEL OPENING

**Bind off rnd:** [K1, p1] 16 times, KFB in next st, p1; begin binding off: on RH needle pass the stitch from the

increase over the purl stitch; then k1 and continue to bind off in 1 X 1 rib 23 more sts. 3 sts remain before end of rnd on LH needle, YF, slip last stitch on RH needle back to LH needle and p2tog, k1, p1.

**Cast on rnd:** [K1, p1] 16 times, KFB in next st; TURN so that WS is facing. Using the stitch from the increase as your first stitch, cast on 24 sts more with the **knit-on / cast on** method; TURN so that RS is facing, YF, slip last stitch on RH needle back to LH needle and p2tog, k1, p1.

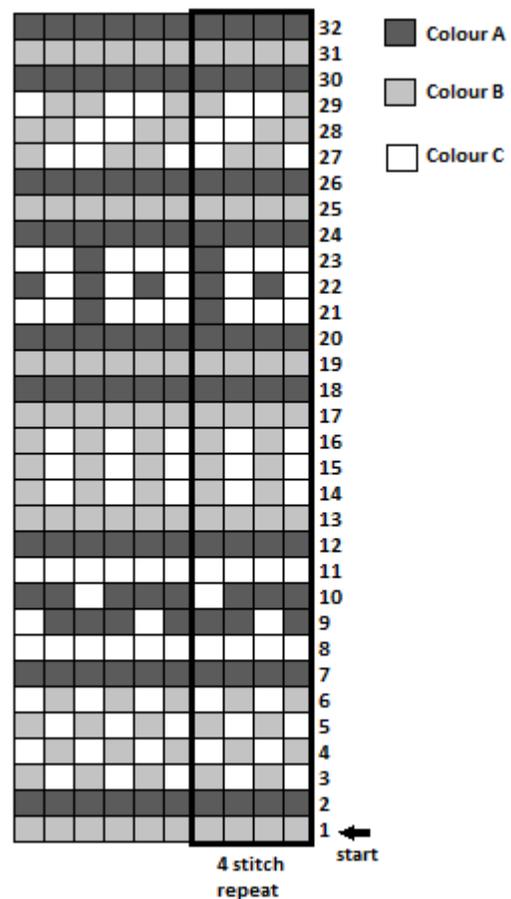
60 sts now on needle.

Work even in 1 X 1 rib until lower cuff from heel opening measures 3 cm / 1¼".

Bind off in 1 X 1 rib.

### FINISHING

Block to smooth stranded colour-work areas, taking care not to stretch the ribbed cuffs. Weave in yarn ends.



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