

Long Socks

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Essentials for the Forces (Jaeger Hand-Knit Series No. 44), 1940s

Materials.—6 oz. of Jaeger "Super-Spun" ("J.S." Quality) Fingering 4-ply (9d. per oz.), and 1 set of No. 13 Jaeger knitting needles with points at both ends.

Measurements.—Length from top to lower edge of heel, 20½ inches; length of foot, 12 inches.

Tension.—15 stitches to 2 inches in width, and 12 rounds to 1 inch in depth, measured over the pattern.

Abbreviations.—K. = knit; p. = purl; sts. = stitches; tog. = together; sl. = slip; rep. = repeat; p.s.s.o. = pass slip stitch over; dec. = decrease or decreasing.

Casting on.—If you cast on with two needles work into the back of all cast-on sts. to produce firm edges, but if you use the thumb method this is not necessary.

BEGIN at the top. Cast on 76 sts. using three needles (24 sts. on each of the first and second needles and 28 sts. on the third needle) and with the fourth needle work 6 inches in k. 2, p. 2 rib. Change to the pattern as follows: **1st round**—K. **2nd round**—* K. 2, p. 2. Rep. from * to end. These 2 rows form the pattern. Continue in pattern until the work measures 17½ inches from the beginning.

The Heel Shaping.—Sl. the last 12 sts. from the second needle on to the third needle, and work backwards and forwards on these 40 sts. as follows: **1st row**—Sl. 1, * k. 1, sl. 1 (purlwise). Rep. from * finishing k. 1. **2nd row**—Sl. 1, p. to end. Rep. these 2 rows until 35 rows have been worked in all. Now shape the heel as follows: **1st row**—Sl. 1, p. 23, p. 2 tog., turn. **2nd row**—Sl. 1, k. 8, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., turn. **3rd row**—Sl. 1, p. 9, p. 2 tog., turn. **4th row**—Sl. 1, k. 10, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., turn. Continue dec. in this way until all the sts. are on one needle and 24 sts. remain. Now pick up and k. 18 sts. down the right side of heel, sl. 11 sts. from the heel on to the same needle. Work the 36 sts. of the instep in pattern on to one needle, then pick up and k. 18 sts. along the left side of the heel, then sl. the 11 sts. of the heel on to the same needle.

1st round—**1st needle**: K. until 2 sts. remain, k. 2 tog. **2nd needle**: Pattern. **3rd needle**: K. 2 tog., k. to end. Rep. this round until 72 sts. remain, then work 7½ inches on these sts.

The Toe Shaping.—**1st round**—**1st needle**: K. until 2 sts. remain, k. 2 tog. **2nd needle**: K. 2 tog., k. until 2 sts. remain, k. 2 tog. **3rd needle**: K. 2 tog., k. to end. **2nd round**—K. Rep. these 2 rounds until 28 sts. remain. Now sl. the sts. from the third needle on to the first needle, then graft the two sets of sts. tog. Work another sock in exactly the same way. Press the work on the wrong side with a warm iron and damp cloth.

