

# Cupid Socks



## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Suggested Yarn:** West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4 ply Self Stripping or Patterning
- **Yarn Measurements:** 1 (1, 1) x 100g balls in Robin (941)
- **Hook Size:** 3.0 mm
- **Other Tools:** 2 locking stitch markers, wool needle

## Stitch Abbreviations Used:

- **ch** = chain
- **dc** = double crochet (US: single crochet)
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st(s)** = stitch(es)
- **fpdc** = front post double crochet
- **bpdc** = back post double crochet
- **dc2tog** = double crochet 2 together (decrease)

## Stitching Instructions for Making the Cupid Socks Pattern:

### Cuff (Ribbing):

- **Foundation Chain:** Ch 12 (or adjust to your preferred width). Join the last ch to the first with a sl st to form a ring.
- **Round 1:** Ch 2 (counts as the first dc), then work *1 dc in each ch* around. Join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch-2.
- **Round 2:** Ch 1, work [*dc in the front loop only, dc in the back loop only*] across. This creates the ribbing. Continue in this round until the cuff is the desired length (typically about 4 cm).
- **Note:** The ribbing helps to create a snug and stretchy cuff, ideal for the top of socks.

## Leg:

- **Round 1 (Leg):** Join yarn to the cuff if you haven't already, and ch 2 (counts as dc). Work 1 dc in each stitch around the cuff. Join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch-2.
- **Round 2 (Leg):** Ch 1, work 1 dc in each stitch around the leg. Continue working in rounds, keeping your tension even.
- **Alternating Texture (Optional):** To add texture, you can alternate between dc stitches and front or back post double crochet (fpdc or bpdc) for a textured effect. Example:
  - Round 3: Ch 1, *fpdc around the next stitch, dc in the next* repeat to end of round.
  - Round 4: Ch 1, *bpdc around the next stitch, dc in the next* repeat to end of round.
- Continue until the leg reaches about 15 cm in length or your desired length.

## Foot (Toe-Up Construction):

- **Work in the Round:** The foot is worked from the toe up. Start at the toe, ensuring it is a snug fit.
  - Round 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc), work 1 dc in each stitch around, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-2.
  - Round 2: Continue working 1 dc in each stitch around. Check your fit as you go.
- **Increasing for the Foot:** As you continue working, you may need to increase for the foot's width. To increase, work 2 dc in the same stitch (increase stitch) every few stitches as per your foot's size.
  - Example: *1 dc in the next 3 stitches, 2 dc in the next* repeat around for the increase.
- Work the foot until it measures the desired length from toe to heel.

## Toe:

- The toe can be shaped with decreases to fit the shape of your foot.
- **Round 1:** Work 1 dc in each stitch around until you reach the point where you want to start decreasing (typically when you reach the tip of the toe).
- **Decreasing for the Toe:**
  - Round 2: [*dc 2 together*] around (dc2tog), repeat around to form the toe.
  - Round 3: [*dc 2 together*] around again, continue decreasing until you have a small hole left.
  - Fasten off yarn and weave in ends.

## Afterthought Heel:

The afterthought heel is added once the foot is completed. This method involves adding the heel after you have worked the foot of the sock.

- **Mark Heel Position:** Once the foot is finished, use a locking stitch marker to mark the spot where you want the heel to start (generally around 5-6 cm from the end of the foot).
- **Heel Placement:** To create the heel, use a scrap yarn and crochet a new section into the marked area. You will crochet in the round, working front and back post dc to create a textured, fitted heel.
- Work in short rounds, decreasing as needed to make the heel fit snugly.

### **Finishing:**

- **Weaving in Ends:** Use a wool needle to weave in all loose ends from the start and finish of each section.
- **Final Adjustments:** Try on the sock and check the fit. You can adjust the toe or heel for a better fit as needed.