

Golf Hose in Cable Stitch

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Material Required: 7 ozs. 4-ply wool; 5 No. 12 steel knitting needles.

Cast on 30 sts on each of three needles and work round in rib of k 1, p 1 for 36 rounds, then k 3, p 3 for 26 rounds. Now work in pattern as follows:—

1st Round: * K 5, p 2, k 6, p 2, repeat from * to end of round. Repeat this round 8 more times.

10th Round: * K 5, p 2, slip the next 3 sts on to the 5th (spare) needle, k 3, knit the 3 sts from the spare needle, p 2, repeat from * to end of round. Repeat these last 10 rounds throughout the socks.

After the 18th cable is worked decrease each side of the middle back seam stitch by knitting 2 tog, k 1 (this is the middle back stitch), slip 1, k 1, pss0, k 1. Decrease so, on every 7th round, 7 times. Thus doing away with 14 sts. Having reached the 13th cable, to decrease, slip first 3 sts of k 6 on to the spare needle, knit 4th and middle back stitch together, 5th and 6th as usual and then 3 first sts from odd needle. Continue now until there are 19 cables worked and 9 more rounds of pattern. Divide the sts for the heel: 37 on one needle for heel, 18 sts either side of seam (middle back) stitch, and the remaining sts evenly divided on the two front needles to be worked on later. Always slipping the first st in each row, work backwards and forwards on the 37 heel sts in st-st (1 row plain, 1 row purl) for 38 rows.

To turn the heel: K 20, k 2 tog, k 1, turn; slip 1, p 5, p 2 tog, p 1, turn; k 6, k 2 tog, k 1, turn; slip 1, p 7, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. Continue in this manner until there are 22 sts left on needle and all the 37 sts have been worked across. Pick up and knit 19 sts along the first side of heel flap on to first needle. Knit across the two front needles in pattern always making the cable every 10th round as usual, then pick up 19 sts along the other side of heel flap, and on to this needle take the first 11 sts from heel needle. There will now be 30 sts on each of the two back needles and the pattern sts on front needle. Shape the sides as follows: **1st Round:** On first needle: K to last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. Knit across 2nd needle in pattern. **On third needle:** K 1, slip 1, k 1, pss0, knit to end of round. **Next Round:** Work round evenly, keeping the pattern worked on front needle. Repeat the last 2 rounds until there are 19 sts left on each of the two back needles. Continue to knit evenly on the remaining sts until 28 cables and 9 more rounds have been worked from the beginning of the sock.

TOE.—Commencing each round in the centre of the sole, knit to last 4 sts of first needle, k 2 tog, k 2. **2nd needle:** K 2, slip 1, k 1, pss0, knit to last 4 sts, k 2 tog, k 2. **3rd needle:** K 2, slip 1, k 1, pss0, knit to end of round. **Next Round:** Knit plain. Repeat the last 2 rounds until there are 6 sts left on each of the two back needles. Graft the sts together for the toe.

