

## DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING BASKET BALL STOCKINGS

1. Set the knitting up on every other cylinder needle as you would for knitting the ribbed top of an Allwear hose, using a standard tension. Place the ribbing attachment on the machine and knit a 1 by 1 selvedged ribbed top two inches long.
2. Loosen the tension as necessary to secure a new standard tension. Make the necessary changes to knit 3 and 1 ribbing and knit  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in this manner.
3. Basket Ball socks are generally made with a series of ridges or welts in a portion of the leg and this is accomplished in the following manner: Throw the tappet switch lever to the selvedge position and knit 3 rounds; swing the lever back to the ribbing position and knit two rounds; again back to the selvedge for 3 rounds and back to the ribbing for 2 rounds. Continue knitting in this manner until you have made 8 welts. This will give a length of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 inches.
4. It is advisable to put a stripe in the leg and this may be done now. Break the yarn and splice the different colored yarn in the usual way. Continue knitting and making the welts as described in Paragraph 3, until you have made four of them. This will give a stripe about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide.
5. Splice on the yarn first used and knit 8 more welts which will give another  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 inches of knitting. If such a fancy sock is not desired the welts or ridges can be omitted and plain 3 and 1 knitting used for the entire length. The usual custom, however, is to make the ridges or welts as above described.
6. Tighten tension  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn. Knit straight 3 and 1 ribbing (without the ridges or welts) for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. This portion should be the same length as the portion described in paragraph 2.
7. Transfer the ribber needle stitches to cylinder needles placed in the Knitter at this time and remove the ribbing attachment from the machine. Knit  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of plain knitting.
8. Lift up out of action all the needles excepting nine needles on each side of the dividing mark on the right side of the cylinder. Knit 70 courses. Break the yarn and after pushing all of the needles down into action run the knitting off the machine.
9. Fasten the end of the strap knit on the 18 needles to the right side of the sock just opposite the side to which it is attached. This can be closed similar to the closing of a toe. Run yarn through each of the loops to prevent them from unraveling and the sock is completed.
10. These directions will give a sock of medium size. Larger or smaller sizes can be made by changing the length and the tension. A piece of elastic may be used instead of the knit strap, if desired.