



QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER

## **Knitting Socks**

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There are several methods for knitting socks, all equally acceptable. This class will focus on using the "Magic Loop" method using one long needle to achieve small circumferences.

**Yarn-** You will need "sock yarn." You can purchase sock yarns at specialty yarn shops and online. (Sock yarn ranges from fingering to sport weight but most suppliers will have yarn that is specifically for socks in a variety of fibers.) 100 grams (around 400-ish yards) will be enough for two socks. So if your yarn comes in 50 gram balls, you will need two. We will start with a baby sock so one ball is fine to start out. You may wish to purchase sock yarn online (for example at [www.knitpicks.com](http://www.knitpicks.com)) but if you want to *feel* it before you purchase, go to a yarn shop (some are listed below for your convenience.)

**Needles-** Check the recommended needle size for your sock yarn, if it suggests US size 1-3 needles, you will need to get all three to make sure you achieve gauge (everyone's gauge is different.) For sock knitters, I recommend that you have the following needles at your disposal: US #0, #1, #2 and #3. For the magic loop you will need to purchase one long circular needle in each size, at least 32" long. You can find long needles at [www.knitpicks.com](http://www.knitpicks.com).

**Odds and ends-** Tapestry needle, stitch holders (looks like a big safety pin) crochet hook (same size as needles) and scissors with small bag to hold them in.

**Optional:** For the yarn dyeing demo (if you want to go home and make your own custom dyed yarn) you will need 100% wool dyeable sock yarn (I like Knitpicks brand Bare merino) and colored drink mix (kool aid)- 4-5 packets of each color choice.

First class- We will cast on and knit in the round using one long needle and swatch for gauge. We will then work a baby-sized sock.

### **Local Yarn Shops:**

Twisted Skeins  
124-A Washington Street (Hwy. 197)  
Clarksville, GA 30523  
(706) 754-7048

Knots of Yarn  
2360 Bethelview Rd  
Cumming, GA 30040  
(770) 887-0311  
[www.knotsofyarn.com](http://www.knotsofyarn.com)

Knitch  
1052 Saint Charles Ave NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306  
(404) 745-9276  
[www.knitchknitting.com](http://www.knitchknitting.com)