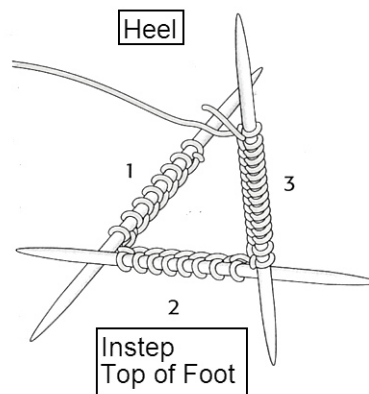


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**Double Pointed Needles – 4 or 5?**

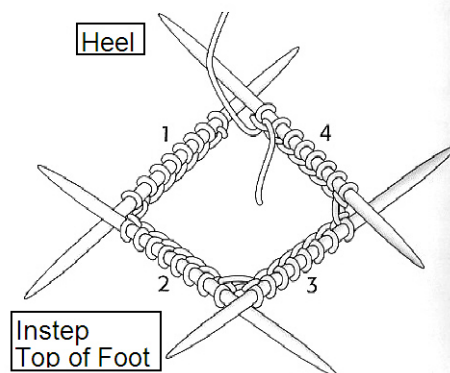
**Why Would You Use Four Needles?**

- Fewer needles to keep track of
- Some knitters find it easier to manage – a more stable arrangement
- Some needles are only sold with four to a package
- If stitch count is a multiple of 3 or 6, it will divide evenly



**Why would you use Five Needles?**

- Gentler angles between needles can reduce occurrence of “ladders”
- Some knitters find it easier to manage – a more flexible arrangement
- If you lose a needle, you aren't stuck – you can continue with the four needles left
- Many socks have a stitch count divisible by 5, so it is easy to distribute stitches evenly



## Sock Knitting Resources

**If you are only going to own one sock knitting book, make it this one:**

Schurch, Charlene, *Sensational Knitted Socks*. Woodinville, WA: Martingale & Company, 2005.

**If you want to build a sock knitting library, take a look at these:**

Bordhi, Cat, *Socks Soar on Two Circular Needles: A Manual of Elegant Knitting Techniques and Patterns*. Friday Harbor, WA: Passing Paws Press, 2001.

Budd, Ann and Anne Merrow, editors, *Favorite Socks: 25 Timeless Designs from Interweave*. Loveland, CO: Interweave Press, 2006.

Bush, Nancy, *Knitting on the Road: Sock Patterns for the Traveling Knitter*. Loveland, CO: Interweave Press, 2001.

Gibson-Roberts, Priscilla A., *Simple Socks Plain and Fancy*. Fort Collins, CO: Nomad Press, 2004.

McCarthy, Betsy, *Knit Socks!*. North Adams, MA: Storey Publishing, 2004.

Schurch, Charlene, *More Sensational Knitted Socks*. Woodinville, WA: Martingale & Company, 2007.

**If you prefer a computer monitor to a book, try this website:**

[www.socknitters.com](http://www.socknitters.com)