

Holly's Socks

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These socks have a simple lacy rib cuff that extends down the foot. The ribs make them fit well on various feet and minimize ladders.



Materials

- 2 balls Knit Picks Sock Garden, 220 yards each. Sample sock knit in Stargazer Lily.
- 1 set (of 4) 2.5mm dpns (or size needed for gauge)
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

8 stitches and 10 rows per inch, in stockinette

Size

Woman's medium

Cuff

Cast on 60 stitches. Divide stitches between three needles (20 stitches on each needle) and join, being careful not to twist the stitches. Begin lacy rib pattern:

Row 1: Knit 3, purl 2 around, 12 times.

Row 2: Knit 1, yarn over. Slip the next stitch knitways, slip the next stitch purlways and knit both stitches together. Purl 2. Repeat around 12 times.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1.

Row 4: Knit 2 together, yarn over, knit 1. Purl 2. Repeat around 12 times.

Repeat these 4 rows until cuff measures 5", or your desired length, ending with a row 4.

Heel

Knit 14 stitches from first needle. Slip 14 stitches from third needle onto first needle. Divide the remaining 32 stitches evenly on two needles. This leaves 32 stitches for the instep which should begin and end with a purl 2. The instep stitches stay idle. You will work the remaining 28 stitches for the heel.

Turn work, and with wrong side of heel facing, begin eye of the partridge heel:

Row 1: Slip 1, purl across.

Row 2: Slip 1, knit 1. Repeat to the last 2 stitches; knit 2.

Row 3: Repeat Row 1.

Row 4: Slip 1, knit 1. Then knit 1, slip 1 to the last stitch. Knit 1.

The slipped stitches should alternate with the knit stitches on the right side creating a diamond patterned, re-enforced heel. Continue until there are 14 chain stitches on the left of the wrong side of the heel and 13 stitches on the right of the wrong side. You should end with a wrong side row (row 2).

To turn heel, with right side facing:

Row 1: Knit 14 stitches. Slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped stitch over. Knit 1, turn.

Row 2: Slip 1, purl 1. Purl 2 together, purl 1. Turn.

For all following rows:

Slip 1, knit or purl to 1 stitch before the gap, decrease, then knit or purl one more stitch. Finish with right side facing.

Gusset

Setup

Place all instep stitches onto one needle. Slide half the heel stitches onto an empty needle so that the heel stitches are divided between two needles. With one needle that is holding half the heel stitches, pick up 15 chain loops on the left side of the heel. With the other needle that is holding the remainder of the heel stitches, pick up 15 chain loops on the right side of the heel.

Knit one round, maintaining lacy rib pattern across the instep stitches on needle 2.

Shape Gusset

Row 1: *Needle 1:* Knit to the last 3 stitches. Knit 2 together, knit 1. *Needle 2:* Continue lacy rib pattern. *Needle 3:* Knit 1. Slip one stitch knit ways, slip one stitch purl ways, knit the two slipped stitches together. Knit to the end of the row.

Row 2: *Needle 1:* Knit. *Needle 2:* Continue lacy rib pattern. *Needle 3:* Knit.

Continue with these two rows until there are 14 stitches on needle 1 and needle 3. You will have 32 stitches of lacy rib, and 28 stitches of stockinette. Follow the established pattern, with out further decreasing until the foot is the desired length to the toes; approximately 1.5 inches less than the length of the entire foot.

Shape Toe

To shape the toe, we must shift 2 stitches from the instep to the sole, so that there are an even amount on the top and bottom. Move the first stitch from needle 2 to needle 1 and move the last stitch from needle 2 to needle 3. Needle 1 now has 15 stitches, 30 stitches on needle 2, and 15 stitches on needle 3.

Begin decreasing:

Row 1: *Needle 1:* Knit to the last 3 stitches. Knit 2 together, knit 1. *Needle 2:* Knit 1, Slip one stitch knit ways, slip one stitch purl ways, knit the two slipped stitches together. Knit to the last 3 stitches. Knit 2 together, knit 1. *Needle 3:* Knit 1. Slip one stitch knit ways, slip one stitch purl ways, knit the two slipped stitches together. Knit to the end of the row.

Row 2: Knit.

Continue until there are a total of 20 stitches. 10 stitches on needle 2, and 5 stitches on needle 1 and 3 each. Knit the 5 stitches on needle 1 onto needle 3. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Graft toe. Sew in ends.