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River Rapids Socks



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Construction: Top Down with 2 needles.  
 Gauge: 7.5 stitches per inch  
 Needle Size: US 2 / 2.75 mm  
 Materials: 2 skeins sport weight wool, sample worked in Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sport #92 River

## Pattern:

### Ribbing and Leg:

Cast on 64 stitches. Join in a ring being careful not to twist. Divide stitches over 2 needles (32,32). Begin knitting with K2, P2 or your desired ribbing pattern and knit circularly for approximately 1 1/2 inches. Beginning with Needle 1, knit in leg pattern for 3 repetitions of chart or desired leg height is reached.

This pattern calls for a repeating motif of 8 stitches and 16 rows.

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8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

- R1: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R2: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R3: P1, YO, K2, SSK, K2, P1, rep
- R4: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R5: P1, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K1, P1, rep
- R6: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R7: P1, K2, YO, K2, SSK, P1, rep
- R8, 9, & 10: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R11: P1, K2, K2Tog, K2, YO, P1, rep
- R12: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R13: P1, K1, K2Tog, K2, YO, K1, P1, rep
- R14: P1, K6, P1, rep
- R15: P1, K2Tog, K2, YO, K2, P1, rep
- R16: P1, K6, P1, rep

### Abbreviations:

YO: yarn over

SSK: slip first stitch from left to right needle as if to knit, slip second stitch from left needle to the right needle as if to purl, insert left needle into the front of these two stitches. Knit the two together.

Note: This may be different from your traditional method of SSK. Either one will work fine, but I used this one in the sample sock.

K2Tog: Knit next two stitches together

Rep: repeat sequence of stitches until end of row

### Pattern Notes:

Be aware that it is easy to form "ladders" when starting rows with purl stitches. Watch your tension carefully. Also watch the YO directly into the purl stitch in row 11, it stretches out easily.

Begin Heel:

NOTE: Heel is worked in rows on 32 stitches.

Heel Pattern:

Row 1 Slip 1, \*k1, slip 1 repeat across from \*

Row 2 and 4 Slip 1, purl across

Row 3 Slip 1, \*slip 1, k1 repeat across from \* until the last 2 stitches, k2.

Knit in heel pattern until you have 32 heel flap rows. Heel flap shape should be close to square. End with a purl row.

Turn Heel as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1, K16 sts, K2 tog, K1 turn

Row 2: Sl 1, P5 sts, P2 tog, P1, turn

Row 3: Sl 1, K6, K2 tog, K1, turn

Row 4: Sl 1, P7, P2 tog, P1, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4, increasing 1 additional K or P stitch after the Sl 1 until all side stitches are consumed. End with a purl row.

Gusset:

Rnd 1: With needle 1, knit across heel flap. Pick up and knit 16 stitches from the side of the heel flap plus knit one stitch in the gusset corner. Knit in pattern across needle 2.

Rnd 2: Using a spare needle, pick up one stitch in the gusset corner and 16 stitches from the side of the heel flap. Using needle 1, knit these stitches. Knit the remaining stitches on needle 1 and knit in pattern across needle 2. Stitch count is (50, 32) respectively.

Gusset Decrease and Sock Foot:

Rnd 1:

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 stitches k2 tog, k1.

Needle 2: Work in pattern around.

Rnd 2: Work in pattern around.

Repeat these 2 rounds until total stitches equal 64. (32, 32)

Sock Foot:

Continue knitting in stockinette on needle 1 and in pattern on needle 2 (if desired) for three repetitions of pattern chart or until you are approximately 1 1/2 to 2 inches from the top of your longest toe. Knit one row around.

Shape Toe:

Rnd 1:

Needle 1: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 sts, K2 tog, K1

Needle 2: K1, SSK, knit until the last 3 stitches, k2 tog, k1.

Rnd 2: Knit around

Continue in this manner until you have approximately 24 stitches remaining or until sock has your desired toe shape. Graft toe closed.

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