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The Scarlet Letter Socks

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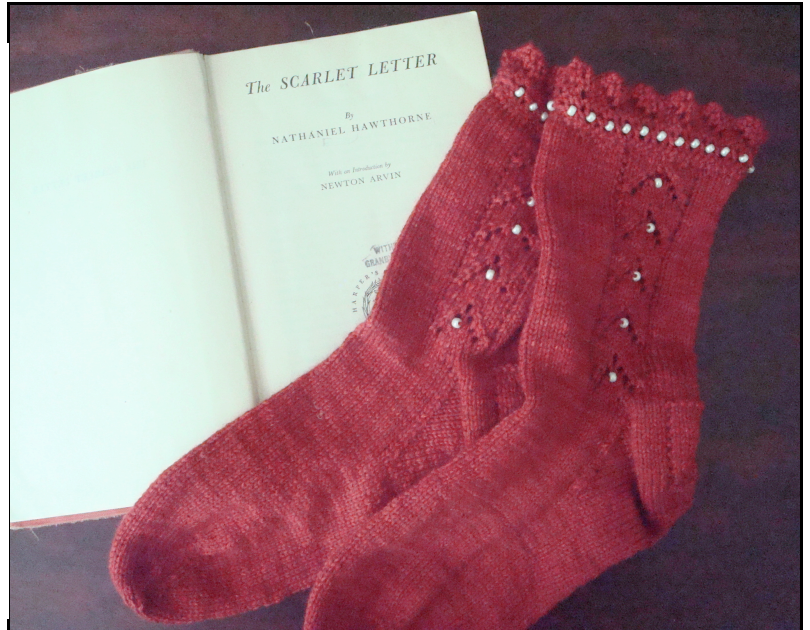
Adorned with pearls and lacy A's, these soft, warm socks would surely soothe Hester's heart.

Size: Woman's Medium

Materials:

- 1 skein (435 yards) of *The March Hare's* "Scarlet Letter" - 70/30 merino wool/silk. True fingering weight: 4 ply with 14 wpi.
- US size 1 straight knitting needles; set of 4 US size 1 double-pointed knitting needles.
- 100 size 6mm pearl beads; Beading needle

Gauge: 27 sts and 32 rows = 4 inches/10 cm in stockinette stitch on size 1 needle



Instructions:

Using beading needle, string all beads onto yarn.

Ruffle edging: Using US Size 1 straight needles, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1: (RS) – Sl 1, K2, slide bead up, YO, K2tog, (YO twice), K2tog, K1. 9 sts on needle.

Row 2: (WS) – K3, P1tbl, K2, YO, K2tog, K1.

Row 3: (RS) – Sl1, K2, YO, K2tog, K1, (YO twice), K2tog, K1. 10 sts on needle.

Row 4: (WS) – K3, P1tbl, K3, YO, K2tog, K1.

Row 5: (RS) - Sl 1, K2, slide bead up, YO, K2tog, K2, (YO twice), K2tog, K1. 11 sts on needle.

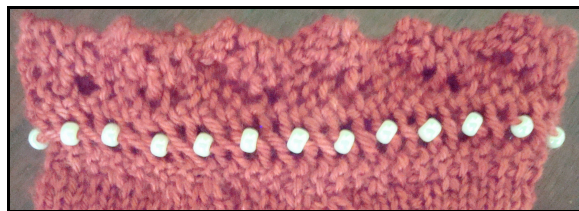
Row 6: (WS) – K3, P1tbl, K4, YO, K2tog, K1.

Row 7: (RS) – Sl 1, K2, YO, K2tog, K6

Row 8: (WS) – Cast off 3 sts (1 st remains on right-hand needle), K4, YO, K2tog, K1. 8 sts on needle.

Row 9: (RS) – Sl 1, K2, slide bead up, YO, K2tog, (YO twice), K2tog, K1. 9 sts on needle.

Repeat rows 2 through 9 (placing beads on rows 5 and 9 of each repeat) until Ruffle measures 10 inches (25cm) along straight edge, ending on Row 8 of pattern. Cast off all sts. Sew short edges together.



With RS of Ruffle facing, and set of 4 US 1 double-pointed knitting needles, pick up and knit 62 sts evenly around straight edge of ruffle. Divide sts into 21, 20, and 21 sts on 3 needles. Place marker at beginning of round
Knit 1 round.

Abbreviations			
Sts – stitches	P – purl	K – knit	RS – right side of work
Sl – slip next stitch knitwise	YO – yarn over	K2 tog – Knit 2 stitches together	P2 tog – purl 2 stitches together
			WS – wrong side of work
			pm – place marker

Turn Heel:

Row 1: With WS facing, sl 1, P16, P2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: sl1, K5, K2tog, K1, turn.

Row 3: sl1, P6, P2 tog, p1, turn.

Row 4: sl1, K7, K2 tog, K1, turn.

Continue in this way, purling or knitting one more stitch each row, until all stitches have been worked – **18 sts on needle.**

Gusset:

With RS facing, pick up and knit 15 sts along right edge of heel flap. Using a second needle, knit across 30 sts from holder for instep, using a third needle, pick up and knit 15 sts along left edge of heel flap, then knit 9 sts from the turned heel sts. Slip remaining 9 sts onto first needle: you should have 24 sts on needle #1, 30 sts on needle #2, and 24 sts on needle #3.

Row 1: Needle #1 – Knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K 1. Needle #2 – Knit across 30 sts. Needle #3 – K 1, SSK, knit to end of needle.

Row 2: Knit across all sts.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until there are 15 sts on Needles 1 and 3, 30 sts on Needle 2 – 60 sts total.

Foot:

Work even on 60 sts in plain stockinette stitch until foot is 2" less than desired finished length (model shown has 40 rows beyond gusset shaping before toe decreases begin).

Toe Shaping:

Row 1: Needle #1 – Knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. Needle #2 – K 1, SSK, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. Needle #3 – K 1, SSK, knit to end.

Row 2: Knit across all sts.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until there are 8 sts on Needles 1 and 3 and 16 sts on Needle 2 – 32 sts total. Now work ONLY Row 1 until there are 4 sts on Needles 1 and 3 and 8 sts on Needle 2 – 16 sts total. Work across sts on Needle 1 so that all sts are on 2 needles.

Break yarn leaving an 8" tail. Thread yarn through yarn needle.

Kitchener Stitch: With threaded tail on right side of work, insert the threaded tapestry needle into the first stitch on the needle closest to you as if to purl and pull it through, leaving the stitch on the needle. Then insert the needle into the first stitch on the back needle as if to knit, leaving the stitch on the needle. Pull the yarn through both stitches. Do these first two steps only once, then Steps 1 – 4 as follows: **Step 1:** Insert the needle into the first stitch on the front needle as if to knit, while slipping it off the end of the needle. **Step 2:** Insert the needle into the next stitch on the front needle as if to purl, leave it on the needle. Pull yarn through. **Step 3:** Insert the needle into the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl, and slip it off the end of the needle. **Step 4:** Insert the needle into the next stitch on the back needle as if to knit, and leave it on the needle. Pull the yarn through. Repeat the Steps 1 - 4 until all stitches have been worked, tightening up stitches as you go to make a smooth graft. Bring tail to inside of work. Weave in all ends. Block lightly.

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