

Somewhere Else Socks

The design for these socks came about while I was "on the way to somewhere else"...in other words, while trying very hard to design something completely different.



Finished Size

To fit a woman's medium foot

Circumference: 7.5 inches

Materials

- 1 skein Malabrigo Sock (440 yards)
- ❖ Set of 5 US#00 double pointed needles
- Tapestry needle

Gauge

22 stitches and 27 rows = 2 inches in eyelet rib after blocking

Notes

Don't worry if these socks look really tiny while you're knitting them...the eyelet rib pattern is very stretchy.

Abbreviations

CO cast on

K knit

k2tog knit two stitches together as one

P purl

Rnd round

SI slip stitch

SSK slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip next stitch purl-wise, knit the two stitches together through the back loop

YO yarn over

* starting point of repeat

Stitch Guide

Eyelet Rib

Row 1	*P1, k5, p1* repeat to end
Row 2	*P1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p1* repeat to end
Row 3 & 4	As row 1

Heel Stitch

RS Row	Sl1, *k1, sl1,* repeat until one stitch remains, k1
WS Row	SI1, purl to end

Gusset Decrease

Row 1	K to last two st on ndl 1, ssk; k across ndl 2 (instep ndl) in pattern;
	k2tog at beg of ndl 3, k to end
Row 2	K across ndl 1; k across ndl 2 in pattern; k across ndl 3

Toe Decrease

Ndl 1	Knit until 3 st rem, ssk, k1
Ndl 2	K1, k2tog, k to end
Ndl 3	As ndl 1
Ndl 4	As ndl 2

Instructions

CO 70 stitches and join in round, being careful not to twist. Distribute stitches as follows: Ndl 1: 21 st; Ndl 2: 28 st; Ndl 3: 21 st.

Cuff

Work in k1-p1 rib for 1 inch.

Leg

Work in Eyelet Rib for 5 inches (or desired length).

Divide for heel flap by placing 35 stitches on each of two needles. Each needle should contain 7 pattern repeats, starting and ending with a single purl stitch.

Heel Flap

Work in heel stitch for 36 rows.

Turn Heel

Row 1 K21, k2tog, k1, turn. Row 2 Sl1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3 Knit to first st before gap formed on previous row, k2tog, k1, turn.

Row 4 Purl to first st before gap formed on previous row, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches have been worked.

Gusset

Using a new needle, pick up and knit stitches along edge of gusset. Knit across instep needle *in pattern*. Using another new needle, pick up and knit stitches along other edge of gusset. Knit across half of the remaining heel stitches. Transfer remaining stitches to the first gusset needle; you now have three needles. One of the gusset needles should hold one more stitch than the other; don't worry about this...it's all good.

Begin your gusset decrease rounds; continue to decrease until 70 st remain (35 on instep needle and 17 and 18 on needles 1 & 3).

Foot

Ndl 1: knit in stocking stitch; Ndl 2: knit in pattern; Ndl 3: knit in stocking stitch. Continue in this manner until you reach your desired foot length less 1.25 inches.

Toe

Divide instep stitches onto two needles.

Knit four rounds even. Work one toe dec round.

Work three rounds even, then one toe dec round.

Then work toe dec rnd every other row twice more (54 st rem).

Work toe dec rnd every row for four more rounds (38 st rem).

Knit across Ndl 1 with Ndl 4. Combine stitches on Ndls 2 & 3 onto a single ndl (19 st on each of two needles).

Finishing

Graft st together using Kitchener stitch. (Tip: Knitting Daily's Sandi Wisehart has a fantastic blog post for those who hate the Kitchener stitch!)

Weave in ends and block.

Contact

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