

Shape Gusset

Pick up sts along selvedge edge of heel flap and rejoin for working in rnds as foll: Join MC and knit across heel sts, dividing them so that there are 9 sts each on Needles 3 and 4. Cont with Needle 4, pick up and knit 18 sts along the selvedge edge of the heel flap. Work rib as established across Needles 1 and 2. With an empty needle, pick up and knit 18 sts along other selvedge edge of heel flap, then k9 sts on Needle 3—86 sts total. With an empty needle, knit to the last 3 sts on Needle 4, k2tog, k1—85 sts rem; 16 sts each on Needles 1 and 2 (insep), 27 sts on Needle 3, and 26 sts on Needle 4. Rejoin for working in rnds.

Rnd 1: Needles 1 and 2: work in rib as established; Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit to end; Needle 4: knit—1 st dec'd.

Rnd 2: Needles 1 and 2: work in rib as established; Needle 3: knit; Needle 4: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—1 st dec'd.

Rep these 2 rnds 9 more times, then work Rnd 1 once more—64 sts rem; 16 sts on each needle.

FOOT

Cont working established rib on Needles 1 and 2 (insep) and St st on Needles 3 and 4 (sole) until piece measures about 6" (15 cm) from back of heel, or about 2½" (6.5 cm) less than desired total length. Knit 1 rnd across all sts. Knit 1 rnd each with CC2, MC, CC3, then MC. Cut off all colors.

TOE

Join CC1 and dec as foll:

Rnd 1: Needle 1: k1, ssk, knit to end; Needle 2: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; Needle 3: k1, ssk, knit to end; Needle 4: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—4 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 seven more times—32 sts rem. Rep Rnd 1 only (dec every rnd) 4 times—16 sts rem. Sl 4 sts from Needle 2 onto Needle 1, then sl 4 sts from Needle 4 onto Needle 3—8 sts each on 2 needles. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" (30.5 cm) tail.

FINISHING

Thread tail on a tapestry needle and use the Kitchener st (see Glossary, page 136) to graft the rem sts tog. Weave in loose ends. Dampen socks and lay flat or place on sock blockers to dry.

