

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked—16 heel sts rem. Cont in this manner, working 1 more st before dec every row, until 14 sts rem. *Next row:* (RS) Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—14 sts. Do not cut yarn.

Shape Gussets and Begin Sole

If necessary, return 85 held sts of sole preparation to dpns or single cir needle. With RS still facing, cont as foll with CC, picking up sts from slipped heel flap selvages through their outside loops:

Row 1: (RS) Pick up and knit 12 sts along edge of heel flap, sl last picked-up st to needle holding instep sts, ssk last heel st tog with first instep st, turn.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p25 to end of heel sts, pick up and purl (see Glossary, page 125) 12 sts along other edge of heel flap, sl last picked-up st to needle holding instep sts, p2tog (last heel st and first instep st), turn—38 sts total for heel and gussets; 1 st joined from each end of instep sts. Sole is now worked back and forth on sts of heel and gussets.

Row 3: Sl 1 pwise wyb, ssk, knit to last 3 sole sts, k2tog, ssk last sole st with next instep st, turn—36 sole sts rem.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to last sole st, p2tog last st with next instep st, turn. Repeat Rows 3 and 4 four more times—28 sole sts rem.

Continue Sole

Cont with CC as foll:

Row 1: Sl 1 pwise wyb, knit to last sole st, ssk last sole st with next instep st, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to last sole st, p2tog last sole st with next instep st, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until all sts from selvages of instep have been joined; *do not* join any sole sts to 27 sts on needle at end of instep—55 sts rem; 28 sts for sole, 27 sts for end of instep.

Toe

With CC, k28 sole sts, k14 instep sts, M1, k13 instep sts—56 sts. **Arrange sts on 3 dpns so that there are 14 sts each on Needles 1 and 3 and 28 sts on Needle 2.** Pm to indicate beg of rnd at start of sole sts. If necessary, work even in St st in the rnd until piece measures about 9" (23 cm) from back of heel, or 2" (5 cm) less than desired total foot length. Shape toe as foll:

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

Rnd 2: Knit.

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 until 16 sts rem. Arrange sts on 2 needles with 8 sts each for top and bottom of toe.

Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" (30.5 cm) tail. Thread tail on a tapestry needle and use the Kitchener st (see Glossary, page 123) to graft sts tog. Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.