

Leg

Holding 2 needles tog, CO 65 sts. Remove second needle carefully and arrange sts on 4 dpn so that there are 16 sts on Needle 1, 15 sts on Needle 2, and 17 sts each on Needle 3 and Needle 4. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Purl 1 rnd. Work lace diamond patt as foll:

Rnds 1 and 2: P1, *k2, p1, k1, p1; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1.

Rnd 3: P1, *LC2 (see Stitch Guide), p1, k1, p1; rep from * to last 4 sts, LC2, p1, k1.

Rnds 4, 5, and 6: P1, *k2, p1, k1, p1; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, p1, k1.

Rnd 7: P1, *LC2, p1, k1, p1; rep from * to last 4 sts, LC2, p1, k1.

Rep Rnds 4–7 three more times. *Next rnd:*

P16, *k2, p3; rep from * 6 times, k2, p15, p2tog—64 sts rem. Arrange sts so that

there are 16 sts each on Needle 1 and Needle 4, 13 instep sts on Needle 2, and 19 instep sts on Needle 3. Rnd begins at back of leg. Work in patt as foll:

Rnds 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10: K16, *k2, p1, k6, p1; rep from * 2 more times, k2, k16.

Rnds 3 and 11: K16, *LC2, p1, k2, yo, k2tog, k2, p1; rep from * 2 more times, LC2, k16.

Rnds 5 and 9: K16, *k2, p1, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k1, p1, rep from * 2 more times, k2, k16.

Rnd 7: K16, *LC2, p1, [yo, k2tog] 3 times, p1; rep from * 2 more times, LC2, k16.

Rnd 12: Rep Rnd 1.

Rep Rnds 1–12 until leg measures 9" (23 cm) or desired length to heel, ending with Needle 3 (ready to work last 16 sts of rnd).

Heel

Heel Flap

The 32 sts on Needle 4 and Needle 1 form the heel flap; rem 32 sts will be worked later for instep. Beg with first st on Needle 4, work heel sts back and forth in rows as foll:

Row 1: (RS) *Sl 1 kwise with yarn in back (wyb), k1; rep from * across 32 sts (the sts on Needle 4 and Needle 1).

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise with yarn in front (wyf), p31.

Row 3: Sl 1 kwise wyb, *sl 1 kwise wyb, k1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise wyf, p31.

Rep Rows 1–4 until a total of 32 rows have been worked, ending with a WS row—16 chain sts along each selvedge edge.

Turn Heel

Work short-rows to shape heel as foll:

Row 1: (RS) K18, ssk, k1.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p5, p2tog, p1.

Row 3: Sl 1 kwise wyb, knit to 1 st from gap formed on previous row, ssk (1 st each side of gap), k1.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to 1 st from gap formed on previous row, p2tog (1 st each side of gap), p1.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked—18 heel sts rem.

Shape Gussets

Pick up sts along selvedge edges of heel flap and rejoin for working in the rnd as foll:

Rnd 1: K18 heel sts, pick up and knit 16 sts along right side of heel flap, k32 instep sts in patt as established,