

Leg

Loosely CO 64 sts. Arrange sts evenly on 4 dpn, place marker (pm), and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Ribbing

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: *P2, k1 through back loop (k1tbl), p1, k2, p1, k1tbl; rep from *.

Rnd 3: *P2, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1; rep from *.

Work Rnds 2 and 3 a total of 6 times—**13 rnds total**. Cont as foll:

Rnd 1: *P2, k1tbl, p4, k1tbl; rep from *.

Rnd 2: *P2, k1, p4, k1; rep from *.

Rnd 3: *P2, k1tbl, p1, k2, p1, k1tbl; rep from *.

Rnd 4: *P2, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1; rep from *.

Rep these 4 rnds 17 (19) times total, ending with Rnd 4—piece measures about 8 (8½)" (20.5 [21.5] cm) from CO.

Heel

Heel Flap

K16, turn work around, sl 1 pwise with yarn

in front (wyf), p29—30 heel sts centered at back of leg; rem 34 sts will be worked later for instep. Work 30 heel sts back and forth in rows as foll:

Row 1: (RS) *Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back (wyb), k1; rep from *.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p29.

Rep these 2 rows 15 (17) times total, then work Row 1 once more—15 (17) chain sts along each selvedge edge; heel flap measures about 2½ (2¾)" (6.5 [7] cm) long.

Turn Heel

Work short-rows to shape heel as foll:

Row 1: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p16, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 2: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, k5, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1 pwise wyf, p6, p2tog, p1, turn.

Cont in this manner, working 1 more st before dec each row 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: With Needle 1 (needle holding heel sts), pick up and knit 17 (19) sts along edge of heel flap; with Needle 2 and Needle 3, work Rnd 1 of instep patt (see Stitch Guide) across 34 instep sts; with Needle 4, pick up and knit 17 (19) sts along other edge of heel flap, then knit first 9 heel sts from Needle 1 again—86 (90) sts total; 26 (28) sts each on Needle 1 and Needle 4; 16 sts on Needle 2; 18 sts on Needle 3. Rnd begins at center of heel.

Rnd 2: On Needle 1, k9, k17 (19) through back loops; on Needle 2 and Needle 3, cont in instep patt as established; on Needle 4, k17 (19) through back loops, k9.

Rnd 3: On Needle 1, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; on Needle 2 and Needle 3, cont in instep patt as established; on Needle 4, ssk, knit to end—2 sts dec'd.

Rnd 4: On Needle 1, knit; on Needle 2 and Needle 3, cont in instep patt; on Needle 4, knit.