

pick up and knit 16 sts along left side of heel flap, then knit the first 9 heel sts again—82 sts total. Arrange sts so that there are 25 sts each on Needle 1 and Needle 4, 13 instep sts on Needle 2, and 19 instep sts on Needle 3. Rnd begins at center of heel.

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

Rnd 3: Work even in patt (knit sts on Needle 1 and Needle 4; work instep sts as established).

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 until 64 sts rem—16 sts each on Needle 1 and Needle 4. Cont in patt as established until a total of 12 lace diamond patt reps have been worked, and *at the same time*, on the last rnd, k2tog the last 2 sts on Needle 3, work to end of rnd—63 sts rem.

Foot

Cont instep sts in patt and sole sts in St st as established until piece measures 8" (20.5 cm) from back of heel, or about 1½" (3.8 cm) less than desired total foot length.

Toe

Arrange sts evenly onto 3 needles (21 sts each needle), keeping beg of rnd at center of sole.

Rnd 1: *K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on Needle 1, k2tog, k1; rep from * on each needle—6 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.



Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 15 sts rem (5 sts on each needle). *Next rnd:* *K1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k1; rep from * on each needle—9 sts rem.

Finishing

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull snug to tighten, and fasten off. Weave in loose ends. Block lightly.