

needle #2, and 20 sts on needle #3, and so that the “seam line” is between needles #1 and #3.

DIVIDE FOR HEEL

Work in patt across the 20 sts on needle #1 with needle #3. Break yarn. There are now 40 heel sts on needle #3, and 40 sts on needle #2 to be held for instep. The division between these two sets of 40 sts will be between the two knit sts that separate the two sections of the clock pattern.

Note: When working the reverse side of the heel, keep in established pattern. Knit the knit sts, purl the cable purl sts through the back loop. Move sts on the wrong side of the work to complete the traveling stitch cable as established.

Row 1: With right side facing, join yarn. K1 tbl, work 5 sts in cable half of Clock Pattern, K28, work 5 sts in cable half of Clock Pattern, sl1 wyf. Turn.

Row 2: K1 tbl, work 5 sts of cable pattern, p28, work 5 sts of cable pattern, sl1 wyf. Turn.

Repeat these last two rows 11 more times for a total of 12 repeats. End with Row 2 ready to begin a RS row (24 rows total).

Row 1: K1 tbl, work 5 sts of cable pattern, k9, k2 tog, k6, SSK, k9, work 5 sts of cable pattern, sl1 wyf, turn.

Row 2: Work even in established pattern, turn.

Row 3: K1 tbl, work 5 sts of cable pattern, k8, k2 tog, k6, SSK, k8, work 5 sts of cable pattern, sl1 wyf, turn. Continue decreasing in this manner 4 times total — 32 sts rem. AT THE SAME TIME, continue cable pattern until you have 13 cable twists in all plus 4 more rows. Discontinue cable pattern.

TURN HEEL

K1 tbl, k18, SSK, turn. Sl1, p6, p2 tog, turn.

*Sl1, k6, SSK, turn. Sl1, p6, p2 tog, turn. Repeat from * until all sts are worked. End ready to begin a RS row. There are 8 heel sts.

GUSSETS

K across 8 heel sts, pick up and k16 sts tbl along right side of the heel flap. With an empty needle, work across the instep sts in established pattern. With an empty needle, pick up and k16 sts tbl along left side of the heel flap; then knit the first 4 sts from the heel needle onto this last needle. There are 20 sts on needle #1, 40 instep sts on needle #2, and 20 sts on needle #3.

Continue working circularly in established patterns until you

have 12½ repeats of the “block” part of the clock pattern. End Clock Pattern. Continue in Stockinette stitch until foot length measures 2½ inches less than desired finished length.

SHAPE TOE

Round 1: Knit to 3 sts away from the end of needle #1; k2 tog, k1. K1, SSK at the beginning of needle #2; knit to 3 sts away from the end needle #2, k2 tog, k1. K1, SSK at the beginning of needle #3. K to end of round.

Round 2: Work even in established pattern.

Repeat these last two rounds until you have 10 sts each on needles #1 and #3, and 20 sts on needle #2. Now work Round 1 (the decrease round) only until you have 4 sts each on needles #1 and #3, and 8 sts on needle #2. Knit across the sts on needle #1 with needle #3, placing the 8 back sts together onto one needle. Break yarn leaving a 10-inch tail. Kitchener stitch the two sets of 8 sts together to finish the toe.

Weave in ends. Block socks under a damp towel or on sock blockers.



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