

Toe

With smaller needles and using the Eastern method (see Glossary, page 119), cast on 8 (12) sts (4 [6] sts each on 2 needles). With a third needle, knit the first 2 (3) sts on the first needle again. There are now 2 (3) bottom-of-foot sts on Needle 1; 4 (6) top-of-foot sts on Needle 2; and 2 (3) bottom-of-foot sts on Needle 3. The rnd begins at the center of the bottom of the foot, between Needle 1 and Needle 3. Using the M1 method (see Glossary, page 121), inc 1 st at each edge of bottom-of-foot sts and top-of-foot sts as foll:

Rnd 1: On Needle 1, K1, M1, k1; on Needle 2, k1, M1, k4, M1, k1; on Needle 3, k1, M1, k1—4 sts inc'd; 12 (16) sts total.

Rnd 2: On Needle 1, Knit to last st, M1, k1; on Needle 2, K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1; on Needle 3, k1, M1, knit to last st—4 sts inc'd.

Rep Rnd 2 three (four) more times—28 (36) sts total; 7 (9) sts on Needle 1, 14 (18) sts on Needle 2, 7 (9) sts on Needle 3.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 (i.e., increase every other rnd) 8 times—60 (68) sts total; 15 (17) sts on Needle 1, 30 (34) sts on Needle 2, 15 (17) sts on Needle 3.

Size 6½" only

Rearrange sts so there are 14 sts on Needle 1, 32 sts on Needle 2, and 14 sts on Needle 3.

Foot

Set-up rnd: On Needle 1, knit; on Needle 2, k1 (2), work Rnd 1 of Wrapped Rib patt 3 times, p1, ko (1); on Needle 3, Knit. Cont in patt as established until piece measures 7 (8)" (18 [20.5] cm) from CO, or about 1¾ (2¼)" (4.5 [5.5] cm) less than desired total foot length, ending between Needle 2 and Needle 3 (i.e., do not work the sts on Needle 3). Make note of last rnd of chart worked so second sock can be made to match.

