

Note: For the rest of Tier C, each section contains one increase and one decrease, and the stitch counts remain constant.

Move the 2 decrease markers in the same stitch at the toe to the RS.

Row 1: (RS) Yo, knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p; knit to inc st, work double yarnover inc in marked st; knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p. Knit to heel st with 2 inc markers, work double yarnover inc in marked st, placing the second yo of the inc after the magic loop in the cir needle so that 1 st is added on each side of magic loop. Knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p; knit to inc st, work double yarnover inc in marked st. Knit to 1 st before toe st with 2 dec markers, k2tog (next st tog with marked toe st), k1 selvedge st—no change to st count.

Row 2: (WS) Knit, twisting the loops of each double yarnover inc.

Rep these 2 rows 4 (5, 6, 7) more times—still 133 (158, 183, 208) sts; 30 (36, 42, 48) rows completed; 15 (18, 21, 24) garter ridges on RS.

Carefully remove waste yarn from the provisional CO heel sts.

Tiers D and E

Notes: In these tiers, the heel section is worked without any increases in the center while the decreases continue at each side; this decreases 2 stitches in the heel section every RS row. In the toe section, the stitch with 2 decrease markers is worked together with the stitch after it to create a toe “seam”; the second half of the final double yarnover increase corresponds to this “seam” decrease, and the stitch count of the toe section remains constant. At some point during Tier D or Tier E, you should be able to pull out the magic loop and flatten the work.

Move the 2 inc markers in the same st at the center of the heel to the WS; they won't be needed again until it's time

to match the marked st to the inc line in the cast-on edge during finishing.

With RS facing, move the 2 dec markers in the same st at the toe to the 12 (14, 16, 18)th st from the end of the row. Reading backward from the end of the row, the 22 (26, 30, 34) sts in the toe section should be 1 selvedge st, 10 (12, 14, 16) sts, 1 st with 2 dec markers, and 10 (12, 14, 16) sts.

Row 1: (RS) Yo, knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p; knit to inc st, work double yarnover inc in marked st; knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p. Knit across heel section (omit heel incs) to 1 st before next dec st, sk2p. Knit to inc st, work double yarnover inc in marked st. Knit to toe st with 2 dec markers, ssk (marked toe st tog with st after it), turn work, leaving rem sts unworked at end of row—2 sts dec'd in heel section; 1 st inc'd at start of toe section (second half of final double yarnover inc); 1 toe st dec'd between marked toe st and selvedge st.

Row 2: (WS) Knit, twisting the loops of each double yarnover inc.

Rep these 2 rows 9 (11, 13, 15) more times—113 (134, 155, 176) sts rem; 36 (43, 50, 57) heel sts between marked dec sts; with RS facing, 22 (26, 30, 34) toe sts after last marked inc st; no sts rem between toe st with 2 dec markers and selvedge st; 50 (60, 70, 80) rows completed; 25 (30, 35, 40) garter ridges on RS.

Figure 3 shows the arrangement of the stitches with RS facing after completing Tier E.

Tier F

Note: In this tier, the heel section continues to decrease by 2 stitches in each RS row as established; there's no change to the stitch counts of the other sections.

Row 1: (RS) Yo, knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p; knit to inc st, work double yarnover inc in marked st; knit to 1 st before dec st, sk2p. Knit across heel section (omit heel incs) to 1 st before next dec st, sk2p. Knit to inc st, work

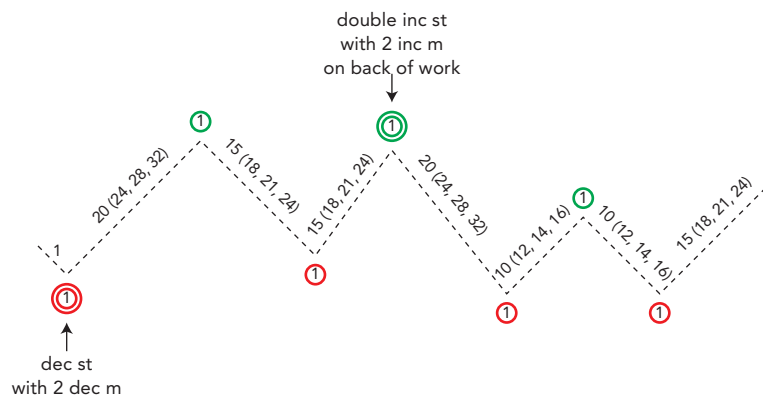


FIGURE 3: Right sock after completing Tier E.