



Mirrorsocks

I once designed these socks for someone who had large sized feet for a lady. It is -in admiration- loosely based on Jean Townsends "Cascading leaves" socks.

Later I knitted a smaller version, to fit my own, more mediocre, feet. Both sizes are here, the larger size is an 11 or european size 42, the numbers for the smaller -size being 8 or 38- is between []

Note! The right and left sock are NOT the same!

Material:

5 double pointed size 2.5 mm, 1 needle size 3.5, darning needle

Any good sock yarn will do, though I think a self striping or self patterning yarn will not show the pattern very well.

Ribbing

Using a cable cast on, make 72 [64] stitches on the 3.5 needle.

Transfer the stitches evenly divided on the DPN's, place marker for end of round and join, being careful not to twist.

Starting with a purl stitch, knit 20 rounds of P2K2 ribbing.

Leg (left sock)

Round 1 p1,k3,k2tog,k1,yo,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 2 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 3 p1,k2,k2tog,k1,yo,k1,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 4 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 5 p1,k1,k2tog,k1,yo,k2,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 6 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 7 p1,k2tog,k1,yo,k3,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 8 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Knit these eight rounds six times (or more if you want a longer sock).
Only for the larger size: In the last round, KFB in the 9th and in the 56th stitch. This way, the increase will be hidden in a purl stitch column.

Heel flap

Starting from your marker, knit 17 [16] st.

Turn, sl1, p33 [p31].

Turn, sl1, k1, repeat to end of row.

Turn, sl1, p33 [p31].

Repeat the last two needles 17 [15] times.

Turning the heel

sl1, k19 [18], ssk, k1.

Turn, sl1, p5 [p7], p2tog, p1

Turn, sl1, k up to one stitch before the gap, ssk, k1

Turn, sl1, p up to one stitch before the gap, p2tog, p1

Continue in this way until all the stitches are worked.

Gusset Read to "foot and toe" first!

You should have 22[20] stitches on the needle.

Knit them, followed by picking up and knitting 20 [18] stitches from the loops on the side of the heel flap. Knit 4 [3] repeats of rnd1 of the pattern stitch, then p1,k6, and pick up and knit 20 [18] st. from the loops on the other side of the heel flap. Knit to end of round.



Decrease round: knit 15 st, p 12 [10] st, p2tog. Make 4 [3] repeats of rnd2 of the pattern stitch for the tophalf of the foot. Then p1, k6, p1, p2tog, p12 [10], k15

Work even round, knit 15 st, p 13 [11] st, continue with the four repeats of the pattern, p1,k6, p13 [11] st, k15.

Repeat these two rounds, all the way decreasing the purl gussets until there are two purl stitches left on either side of the pattern section of your sock, leaving you with [64] stitches. At the same time, after completing the first 8 rnds of patternstitch, make three repeats instead of four, replacing the pattern stitch with p1,k6,p1 on every round. After completing another 8 rounds, make only 2

repeats, and so on. By the time the gusset is complete, the pattern will end in a diagonal line across the foot.

Foot and toe

Make 38 [34] rnds (or as much as you need for the size required) knitting or purling the stitches as they occur.

Knit one round without purling

Knit 15[13] st, k2tog, k2, ssk, k30[26], k2tog, k2, ssk, k15[13]

knit two rounds

knit 14[12] st, k2tog, k2, ssk, k28[24], k2tog, k2, ssk, k14[12]

knit one round

knit 13[11] st, k2tog, k2, ssk, k26[22], k2tog, k2, ssk, k13[11]

knit one round

knit 12[10] st, k2tog, k2, ssk, k24[20], k2tog, k2, ssk, k12[10]

knit 11[9] st, k2tog, k2, ssk, k22[18], k2tog, k2, ssk, k11[9]

Continue like this, decreasing 4 stitches every round of your sock, untill only 20[16] stitches are left. Graft the toe closed, darn in the ends.



Right sock:

This one is knitted to mirror the other one. Therefore, the patternstitch is different:

Pattern stitch:

Round 1 p1,yo,k1,ssk,k3,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 2 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 3 p1,k1,yo,k1,ssk,k2,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 4 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 5 p1,k2,yo,k1,ssk,k1,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 6 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 7 p1,k3,yo,k1,ssk,p1. Repeat to end of round

Round 8 p1,k6,p1. Repeat to end of round

Besides this, the diagonal on the foot should be opposite. Thus after the turning of the heel, knit p1, k6, p1 instead of the first pattern repeat. After eight rounds the pattern ends in the second column, and so forth.

The larger size has not been testknitted yet. If you run in an error, please let me know at lspaink@xs4all.nl or on Ravelry, where my username is Lies.

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