

Summer Garden Socks

Size: To fit an 8" ankle and 8" foot circumference

Materials: Lorna's Laces fingering weight yarn variegated 1 skein CC Lorna's Laces fingering weight yarn almost solid 1 skein MC or any equivalent fingering weight yarn. Double pointed needles in size to knit gauge

Gauge: 7 st./in. in stockinette stitch

Cuff: These socks start with a sideways garter stitch cuff. Cast on 14 stitches in MC with a provisional cast on of your choice. Work back and forth in garter stitch, alternating 2 rows of MC with 2 rows of CC until there are 56 garter st. ridges, ending with 2 rows of CC. Graft the co stitches to those on the needle with MC to form a ring.

Leg: Using MC pick up and knit 56 stitches (one for each ridge) around the edge of the cuff, dividing the stitches evenly between 4 needles. Work in rounds in pattern as follows: Rows 1-4 MC - Knit

Row 5 CC - Knit

Row 6 CC - Purl

Row 7 MC - K1*sl 1, k3* repeat from * ending with sl 1, k2

Row 8 MC - repeat row 7

Row 9 CC - Knit

Row 10 CC - Purl

Row 11-14 MC Knit

Row 15 CC - K1 * sl 2 with yarn in front, k2 * repeat around, from * ending with k1.

Row 16 CC - p1 * sl2 with yarn in back, p2* repeat around from * ending with p1.

Repeat the 16 row pattern until sock is desired length to beginning of heel flap. I ended with row 14, which balances the pattern. Break off MC.

Heel: Leaving the 28 instep stitches on needles and using CC , work heel flap back and forth over remaining 28 sts in heel stitch of your choice. I used the eye of the partridge, which follows:

Row 1 sl 1, * k1, sl 1* repeat from * across ending with k1

Row 2 sl 1, purl across

Row 3 sl 1, k1 * k1, sl 1* repeat from * across ending with k2

Row 4 repeat row 2

Work even in heel stitch until 30 rows, or heel flap is about 2.25" long.

Turn Heel: Working in short rows over heel flap stitches:

Row 1 - sl 1, k8, k 10, ssk, Turn

Row 2 - sl 1, p10, p2tog, Turn

Row 3 - sl 1, k 10, ssk, Turn

Ending with row 2, repeat rows 2 & 3 until all stitches are used and there are 12 st on the needle.

Gusset: Knit first 6 stitches. Rounds now start in middle of heel flap. Attach MC when appropriate to keep stripe sequence. Knit remaining 6 stitches with new needle (needle 1), pick up 1 stitch in each of the slipped edge stitches along the heel flap, and 1 additional stitch where heel flap and instep join. Work across instep (needles 2 & 3) continuing in leg pattern. Pick up and knit 1 stitch where instep and heel flap join and 1 stitch in each slipped stitch along the edge of the other side of the heel flap, work remaining 6 stitches (needle 4). Needles 1 and 4 should have the same number of stitches, these are for the foot. Working instep stitches in leg pattern, and foot stitches in stockinette, knit 1 row. * Next row - Knit to last 2 stitches on needle 1, K2tog. Work instep stitches on needles 2& 3. On needle 4 ssk, knit to end. Work 2 rounds even. Repeat from * until there are 14 st on each needle. 56 st. total

Foot: Continue working in pattern on 56 st. until desired foot length. I ended with row 14 for a balanced pattern.

Toe: Dec. row - needle 1 - work to last 3 st. k2tog, k1

needle 2 - k1, ssk, knit to end

needle 3 -work to last 3 st. k2tog, k1

needle 4 -k1, ssk, knit to end work 3 rounds even, (work dec. row, work 2 rows even) twice, (work dec. row, work 1 row even) 3 times. Work dec. row each round until 8 st. remain on needles. Graft stitches together to close toe.

To adjust cuff size, knit garter rows until strip fits slightly stretched around calf.

To adjust leg size, pick up stitches from the cuff in multiples of 4, or adjust a stitch or two on the first round to have a multiple of 4 st.