Socks on Fire!

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Materials: 1 skein Araucanía Ranco Solid Sock Yarn 1 set US 2 (2.75mm) DPNS Tapestry needle

Pattern Notes: This pattern will occasionally require that a yarn over be worked at the beginning/end of a needle, or that one stitch be moved from the end of a needle to the beginning of the next to work a decrease. Fear not! These are as difficult as they sound.

Abbreviations: CO = Cast on (knitted), Twisted 1x1 Rib = *Knit 1 through back loop, purl 1*, repeat from * to *. Sl 1 – slip 1 stitch purl-wise. SSK – slip slip knit (I actually prefer to just knit 2 tog through the back loop, but I'm lazy like that). K2tog – knit two together. YO = yarn over

Pattern: CO 64 stitches; divide evenly between 4 needles (16 per needle). Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Work in twisted 1x1 rib for one inch.

Establish repeat: Work all charted rounds from right to left.

Outlined in red = repeat around leg. Even numbered rounds (2-24) are knit only. (Not charted).

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$$O = y_0, / = K2tog, \setminus = ssk$$

Work leg chart twice, ending with round 24.

Establish heel flap: Before beginning to work heel flap you may want to rearrange stitches – because of the increases/decreases they tend to move around and there may be many stitches on needle 1, and few on 2/3. Put 16 stitches on each needle.

Heel flap set up: Turn work.

Sl 1, p 31 stitches onto one needle (these 32 stitches will be worked for the flap while the other stitches are on hold) Turn work.

Sl 1, k1 repeat from * to * 15 more times

Repeat the last 2 rows 15 more times.

Turn Heel: Row 1 [RS]: K17, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 2 [WS]: S11, p3, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 3 [RS]: S11, k4, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 4 [WS]: S11, p5, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 5 [RS]: S11, k6, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 6 [WS]: S11, p7, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 7 [RS]: S11, k8, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 8 [WS]: S11, p9, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 9 [RS]: S11, k10, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 10 [WS]: S11, p11, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 11 [RS]: S11, k12, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 12 [WS]: S11, p13, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 13 [RS]: Sl1, k14, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 14 [WS]: S11, p15, p2tog, p1, turn work. 18 sts remain.

Row 15 [RS]: K9. Proceed to gusset.

Gusset:

Yarn will be in the center of the heel. This will become the beginning of the round from now on.

Round 1: K9. Pick up and knit 15 stitches across slipped stitches on heel flap. Pick up one more between flap and instep. Decrease (k2tog) one stitch at beginning of needle 2, work instep chart row 1 (below), repeating red outline 4 times, end with a k2tog at end of needle 3. Pick up and knit 1 stitch between instep and heel flap, 15 across slipped stitches on heel flap. K9.

Round 2: Needle 1: K23, K2tog, Needle 2/3: work round 2 of instep chart, Needle 4: SSK, k23

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Round 3: K to end of Needle 1; work next round of instep chart over sts on Needles 2 and 3; k to end of Needle 4

Round 4: K to last 2 sts of Needle 1, k2tog; work next round of instep chart over sts on Needles 2 and 3; ssk, k to end of Needle 4.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 until there are 15 stitches on each needle (60 stitches total)
*note: there may not actually be 15 stitches on each of needles 2 and 3, but there should be 15 on each of 1 and 4 and 60 stitches total

Continue working instep chart over instep and stockinette on sole of sock until it measures approx 2" less than desired length, ending with round 11 or 23.

Toe:

K1 round

K to last 3 stitches on needle one, k2tog, k1. Needle 2: k1, ssk, knit across needle 2 & 3 to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1. K1, ssk, knit to end of needle 4. 4 stitches decreased.

Repeat last 2 rounds until there are a total of 24 stitches. Using needle 4, knit across needle 1. Slip stitches from needle 3 to needle 2. Graft stitches from needle 2 to needle 4. Weave in ends and wear!