



## Carpe Diem

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*What's to come is still unsure:*

*In delay there lies no plenty,*

*then come kiss me, sweet and twenty,*

*Youth's a stuff will not endure.*

Carpe Diem, William Shakespeare

These charming fingerless mitts and socks make use of the Traveling Vine lace pattern. The mitts come in 2 sizes and feature garter stitch edges and a thumb gusset. The socks come in 4 sizes (with the smallest size suitable for children).

While these patterns have a high “WOW” factor, care has been taken to keep them accessible to advanced beginners. While something is happening every round of the Traveling Vine pattern, because the lace is only ever worked in the round there are fewer types of stitches required than when worked in rows. Directions for the lace are provided in both written and charted formats. Other areas where the simpler route was taken were the thumb gusset (plain stockinette) and the heel turn (square—only 2 row repeat). Finally, the overall sock construction is standard (gusset and flat toe) but the heel flap garter stitch edges flanking standard heel stitch to add a bit of pizzazz for visual interest.

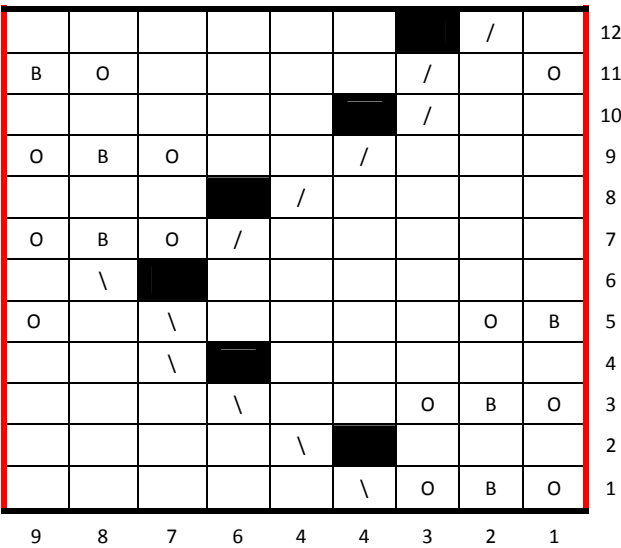


<u>Fingerless Mitts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
To be worn with zero or negative ease. S/M[L/XL]: 6[7] inches circumference by 8 inches length Yarn: 40[50] g / 185[232] yds fingering weight sock yarn (pictured in Knitpicks Stroll Kettle Dyed)	6[7, 8, 9] inches circumference. Can be worked to any length Yarn: 55[60, 70, 80] g 255[280, 325, 370] yds fingering weight sock yarn (pictured in Knitpicks Stroll tonal)

Gauge: 24 sts/ 41 rows = 4 inches in Traveling Vine after blocking  
 Needle: 1, 32 inch #1 US, 2.25 mm circular needles  
 Notions: markers, scarp yarn

**M1:** from the front, slip bar between stitches onto left needle, ktbl.  
**SIK:** Slip one knitwise  
**Slp:** Slip one purlwise  
**5ZKP2:** Slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, k1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.

**Traveling Vine**



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*Round 1:* YO, k tbl, yo, SSK, k5.  
*Round 2:* K3, SSK, k4.  
*Round 3:* YO, k tbl, yo, k2, SSK, k3.  
*Round 4:* K5, SSK, k2.  
*Round 5:* K tbl, yo, k4, SSK, k1, y.  
*Round 6:* K6, SSK, k1.  
*Round 7:* K5, k2tog, yo, k tbl, yo.  
*Round 8:* K4, k2tog, k3.  
*Round 9:* K3, k2tog, k2, yo, k tbl, yo.  
*Round 10:* K2, k2tog, k5.  
*Round 11:* YO, k1, k2tog, k4, yo, k tbl.  
*Round 12:* K1, k2tog, k6.

- O yarn over
- B knit through back loop
- \ SSK
- / k2tog
- no stitch

## Fingerless Mitts



Cast on 48[56] sts using Twisted German Cast. Place beginning of round marker and join to work in the round taking care not to twist stitches.

*Rounds 1 and 2:* Knit.

*Round 3:* Purl

*Rounds 4 to 6:* Rep rnd 1 through 3

*Round 7:* Knit.

Begin Traveling Vine in the round. Note that on odd numbered rounds the stitch count increases to 54[63] sts. Work 3 pattern reps of Traveling Vine, 36 rows.

Thumb set up: Work first 9 stitch repeat of row 1, pm, m1, pm, work in Traveling Vine to end of rnd. New markers straddle the first stitch of the thumb gusset. Over the next 23 rows:

*Even rounds:* Work to marker as established, knit between markers, work to end as established.

*Odd rounds:* Work to marker as established, slip marker, m1, k to marker, m1, slip marker, work to end as established.

Slip 23 thumb gusset stitches onto scrap yarn, resume working only the original 48[56] sts in Traveling vine.

Work 1 more rep of Traveling Vine.

*Round 1:* Knit

*Round 2:* Purl

*Rounds 3 and 4:* Knit

*Rounds 5 to 7:* repeat rnds 2 through 4.

Bind off using JSSBO in purl.

### *Thumb*

Beginning at the right side of the thumb gusset, k23, pm, pick up and knit 7 along the upper edge of the thumb opening, pm, 30 sts.

*Rounds 1 and 2:* K23, SSK, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog.

*Rounds 3:* K23, S2KP2, 24 sts.

*Round 4:* Remove marker, p24, remove marker.

*Note:* For the remainder of the thumb the beginning of the round shifts with each S2KP2.

*Round 5:* K22, S2KP2.

*Round 6:* K20, S2KP2.

*Round 7:* P20.

*Round 8:* K18, S2KP2.

*Round 9:* K16, S2KP2.

Bind off using JSSBO in purl.

## Socks

Cast on 48[56, 64, 72] stitches using Twisted German Cast On. Place beginning of round marker and join to work in the round taking care not to twist stitches.

Rounds 1 and 2: Knit.

Round 3: Purl

Rounds 4 through 6: Rep rnd 1 through 3

Round 7: Knit.

Begin Traveling Vine in the round. Note that on odd numbered rounds the stitch count increases to 54[63, 72, 81] sts. Work 4[5, 6, 7] pattern reps of Traveling Vine, 48[60, 72, 84] rows or until cuff is desired length.

### Heel Flap

Row 1[WS]: P12[12, 16, 16], m1, p12[12, 16, 16], 25[25, 33, 33] sts.

Row 2 [RS]: P3,[k1, slk] 9[9, 13, 13] times, k1, p3.

Row 3[WS]: Purl.

Rep rnds 2 and 3 14[14, 18, 18] more times.

### Turn Heel

Row 1[RS]: Slk, k11[11, 15, 15], k2tog, k4[4, 6, 6], SSK.

Row 2[WS]: Slp, p10[10, 14, 14], p2tog.

Row 3[RS]: Slk, k10[10, 14, 14], SSK.

Rep rows 2 and 3 5[5, 7, 7] more times, 12[12, 16, 16] sts remain.

### Foot

*Reestablishing Round:* Slk, k11[11, 15, 15], pick up and knit 16[16, 18, 18] sts between garter stitch ridges along the right side of the heel flap, pick up 1 stitch in the gap between the heel flap and the instep, work 24[32, 32, 36] sts across the instep, pick up 1 in the gap between the heel and the left side of the heel flap, pick up 16 sts between garter stitch ridges along the left side of the heel flap,

24[32, 32, 40] instep stitches, 46[46, 54, 54] sole stitches, 70[78, 86, 94] stitches total.

*Round 1:* K12[12, 16, 16], ktbl 17, pm, (beginning of round) work 24[32, 32, 40] in established pattern, pm, ktbl 17, knit to beginning of round marker.

*Round 2:* Work 24[32, 32, 40] sts in established pattern, K1, SSK, k to 3 sts before end of round, k2tog, k1.

*Round 3:* Work in established pattern to marker, k to end of round.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 10 more times until 48[56, 64, 72] sts remain, 24[32, 32, 40] instep stitches, 24[24, 32, 32] sole stitches, 48[56, 64, 72] total stitches.

Repeat round 2 until foot is approximately 1.5[2, 2, 2.5] inches less than desired final length. Final round must be even, preferably round 6 or round 12 of the Traveling Vine motif. If possible end with Round 6 or Round 12 of the Traveling Vine Motif.

*Note: socks pictured are size M and used 5.5 pattern repeats on the foot to fit a women's US size 10 M foot.*

### Toe

*Round 1 sizes S and L:* Knit.

*Round 1 sizes M and XL:* Remove marker, k2, knit to 2 sts before next marker, pm, k2, remove marker, knit to end of round.

*Round 2 all sizes :* [K1, SSK, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, k1] twice.

*Round 3:* Knit.

Rep rnds 2 and 3 until 16[16, 20, 20] sts remain. Graft using Kitchener Stitch.