Purple Pansy Designs

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Grundy County Socks

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Central Illinois is still farm country and the landscape is dotted with various kinds of silos. I saw this awesome looking one on a trip to visit my parents and another one on the way to a friend's yarn store. I wanted to capture the beauty of this construction in a sock pattern.

Intermediate

Size: women's M (US 8 / EU 39)

Finished measurements:
Circumference: 9 inches around foot
Length: 10 inches

Gauge: approximately 28 sts/40 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

Materials:
Yarn
Dream in Color Smooshy with Cashmere Fingering / 4 ply, 70% Merino, 20% Cashmere, 10% Nylon
400 yards / 113 grams ; color: Color Name; Butterpeeps - 1 skein
Needles
1 set(s) US 1 /2.25mm double-point needles or
40-inch US 1/2.25mm circular needle

Notions recommended: stitch markers, row counter, and darning needle

Pattern notes:

The lace pattern has traveling decreases. This may affect needle divisions and use of stitch markers, so careful planning is advised.

The leg of this sock can be shortened if desired by eliminating the second repeat of chart A.

Directions:

Cuff: Cast on 60 stitches. Join to work in the round (being careful not to twist).

Work Ribbing as follows for 10 rounds: P1 *K1, P2; repeat from * until last stitch, P1

Next round work patterning as follows:

Rounds 1 & 2: K2, P2 around
Rounds 3 & 4: P2, K2 around
Round 5: * K2, P2, K2tog, YO, P2, K2, P2, K2, YO, P2tog, K2, P2, Repeat from * around
Round 6: K2, P2, around
Round 7 & 8 repeat rounds 3 & 4
Rounds 9 & 10, repeat rounds 1 & 2

Leg:
Rounds 1-24 Begin chart A (work chart twice around leg, work all rounds once)

Begin chart B, work rounds 25 - 36 once. Area outlined in red is pattern repeat. Stitches before and after outlined stitches are only worked at beginning and ending of round.

Work chart A (rounds 1-24) once more.

Heel:

Divide for heel:
Knit 15 stitches, turn work, purl 30 stitches. (Rearrange stitches on needles as needed so you have 30 heel stitches on needle 1 and 30 instep stitches on needle 2).

Work flat on 30 heel stitches as follows:
Row 1: *S1, K1 repeat from * to end
Row 2: S1, purl to end
Row 3: S1, *S1, K1; repeat from * to last stitch, K1
Row 4: same as row 2

Repeat these 4 rows until you have worked 32 rows or until heel flap is desired length (if you work more or less than 32, adjust number of gusset stitches picked up accordingly).

Set up rows:
Row A: Knit 17, slip, slip, knit (SSK), K1, Turn work
Row B: S1, purl 5, purl two stitches tog (p2tog), P1, turn work
Turn heel:
Row 1: S1, knit to last stitch before gap, ssk, k1, turn
Row 2: S1, purl to last stitch before gap, p2tog, p1, turn
Repeat these two rows until 18 stitches remain. Knit across these stitches once more. You are now ready to pick up the gusset stitches.

Gusset:
Note: instep stitches will be worked in pattern as follows:

Rounds 1 & 2: K2, P2 across
Rounds 3 & 4: P2, K2 across

Gusset Shaping:
Knit across heel stitches, pick up and knit 17 stitches along the side of heel (PM), work instep stitches according to pattern, (PM) pick up and knit 17 stitches along the side of heel, knit 9 heel stitches. Round now begins at back of heel.

Round 1: knit to 3 stitches before 1st marker / start of instep stitches, K2tog, K1, work instep stitches in pattern, K1, SSK, knit to end of round
Round 2: Knit all heel gusset stitches/ work instep according to chart

Repeat these two rounds until there are 60 stitches; continue working as set (instep in pattern, sole stitches in stockinette) until foot measures 2" less than desired length

Shape toe:

Knit 1 round

Decrease round: Knit to three stitches before first marker / start of instep stitches, K2Tog, K1; K1, SSK, knit to 3 stitches before next marker / end of instep stiches, K2tog, K1; K1, SSK, knit to end

Knit 2 rounds

Round 1: Work decrease round
Round 2: Knit all stitches
Continue working rounds 1 & 2 until 32 stitches remain, then decrease round only until 16 stitches remain, knit first 4 stitches so all sole stitches are on one needle and instep stitches are on other needle.

Finishing:
Graft toe stitches using Kitchener stitch, weave in ends and repeat for second sock.
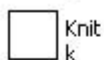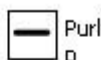
Charts

Abbreviations and symbols:

S1 – Slip one stitch purl-wise (with yarn in back)
P2tog – purl two stitches together

Key

Symbol	Meaning
□	Knit k
—	Purl p
╱	Knit 2 stitches together k2tog
╲	Slip, slip, knit slipped sts together ssk
3╲	Slip K2tog PSSO sk2p
O	Yarn Over yo
■	No Stitch x

Leg Chart A *(work twice around)*

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Round 1: k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo

Round 2: k30

Round 3: k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo

Round 4: k30

Round 5: p30

Round 6: k30

Round 7: k2, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k1

Round 8: k30

Round 9: k2, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k1

Round 10: k30

Round 11: p30

Round 12: k30

Round 13: k1, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2

Round 14: k30

Round 15: k1, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2

Round 16: k30

Round 17: p30

Round 18: k30

Round 19: yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3

Round 20: k30

Round 21: yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3

Round 22: k30

Round 23: p30

Round 24: k30

Leg Chart B *(work as instructed above)*

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(Pattern repeat included)

Round 25: k2tog, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2, ssk, yo

Round 26: k30

Round 27: k2tog, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2, ssk, yo

Round 28: k30

Round 29: p30

Round 30: k30

Round 31: yo, ssk, k2, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2, yo, k2tog

Round 32: k27, k2

Round 33: yo, ssk, k2, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k2, yo, k2tog

Round 34: k27, k2

Round 35: p27, p2

Round 36: k27, k2