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Prairie Willow Knits

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#### Finished Size

- Medium: unstretched 7 ½"; stretched 9"; circumference, stretched, at cuff 11"; foot length as desired; height from heel to top of cuff 8 ½".
- Large: unstretched 8 ½"; stretched 10"; circumference, stretched, at cuff 12"; foot length as desired; height from heel to top of cuff 8 ½".

#### *Materials*

■ 1 skein MadelineTosh Sock

#### **Notions**

- 2 US 1 (2.25mm) circular needles, double points or single circular, or size to obtain gauge.
- Tapestry needle
- Markers (optional)

#### Gauge

In stockinette, 17 stitches / 2"; 24 rows / 2 inches

Symbol	Definition
K	Knit
Kn	Knit n stitches, where n is the number of stitches to be knitted
K2tog	Knit 2 together
M1	Make 1. For this pattern you may choose either right or left.
Р	Purl
Pn	Purl n stitches, where n is the number of stitches to be <b>purled</b>
P2tog	Purl 2 together
SL 1	Slip 1 purlwise
SSK	Slip 1 as if to knit, slip a second stitch as if to knit, insert the left hand needle into the front of the two slipped stitches and knit these two stitches together
tbl	Through the back loop
wyib	With yarn in back
wyif	With yarn in front

Note: All photos are of the medium size sock

## **Pattern**



## Leg

#### Cast on

Cast on **63** (72) stitches using the German twisted cast on or other stretchy cast on. Join to work in the round. Place

markers every 9 stitches, if desired.

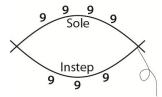


Figure 1 - Medium Sock Stitch Arrangement

#### Cuff

Using the **Cuff Chart** (see last page), knit 14 rounds or until cuff is 1" to 1 ¼" in length.

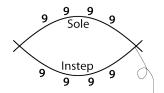
#### **Medium**

Arrange stitches so that there are 27 stitches on the instep needle(s) and 36 stitches on the sole needle.

Start of round is the start of the instep needle.

### Large

Arrange stitches so that you have 36 stitches on the sole needle(s) and 36 stitches on the instep needle(s)



Start of round is the start of the start of the instep needle.

Figure 2 - Large Sock Stitch Arrangement

## **Leg Body**

Repeat **Leg Chart** until the leg measures 6" or until your desired length, ending with row 4 or 8 of the chart.

If you are knitting the medium sock, on your last row,



increase 1 in the second pattern repeat on the sole, using a M1. (Note: the last 4(6) stitches of the last round do not need to be worked as they will be slipped to the instep needle when setting up for the heel.)

#### Heel

## **Heel Flap Setup**

The stitches need to be rearranged so that stitches 1-6 of the leg chart are centered on the front of the leg.

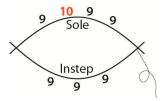


Figure 3 - Medium Sock Stitch Arrangement after Increase

#### Medium

Rearrange stitches as follows: Move the last 4 stitches of the round (end of sole stitch needle) to the beginning of the instep needle. Move 1 stitch from the beginning of the sole needle to the end of the instep needle.

#### Starting needle layout

Sole needle(s): 9 10 9 9 Instep needle(s): 9 9 9

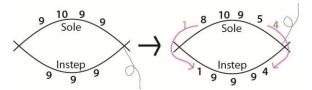


Figure 4 - Medium Heel Setup

#### Layout after Rearranging Stitches

Sole needle(s): 8 10 9 5 Instep needle(s): 1 9 9 9 4

You now have 32 sole and 32 instep stitches.

#### Large

Rearrange stitches as follows: Move the last 6 stitches of the round (end of instep needle) to the beginning of the sole needle. Move the last 6 stitches from the end of the sole needle to the beginning instep needle. We are shifting the start of round 6 stitches

#### Starting needle layout

Sole needle: 9 9 9 9 Instep needle: 9 9 9 9

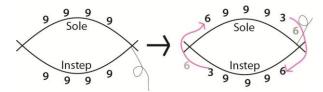


Figure 5 - Large Heel Flap Setup

#### Layout after Rearranging Stitches

Sole needle: 6 9 9 9 3 Instep needle: 3 9 9 9 6

You now have 36 sole and 36 instep stitches.

### **Heel Flap**



Turn work, starting heel flap on the WS.

Row 1: SL 1 wyif, P to end of row; turn.

Row 2: \*SL 1 wyib, K1\*, repeat from \* to \*, to end of row; turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for a total of 17 times or 34 rows in the heel flap, then repeat row 1 one more time, ending with a WS row. (35 rows total)

#### **Heel Turn:**

Row 1 (RS): SL 1 wyib, K 18(20) stitches, SSK, K1; turn. Row 2 (WS): SL 1 wyif, P 7(7) stitches, P2tog, P1; turn.

**Row 3(RS):** SL 1 wyib, K to 1 stitch before gap created by turn on previous row, SSK (1 stitch before gap and 1 stitch after gap), K1; turn.

**Row 4(WS):** SL1 wyif, P to 1 stitch before gap created by turn on previous row, P2tog (1 stitch before gap and 1 stitch after gap), P1; turn.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until all stitches have been worked. You should have **20**(22) stitches upon completion.

#### Gusset

### **Pickup Row**

SL 1 wyib, K **19**(21) (end of heel turn), pickup and knit tbl 18 stitches along the edge of the heel flap (in the slipped stitches), then pickup 1 stitch on each side of the gap between heel flap & instep, and knit the 2 pickups together tbl (19 stitches). Depending on where you ended your leg, you will start knitting the instep at row 1 or 5. Use the instep chart appropriate to your size, knit the next row, repeating the pattern repeat 3 times. Pickup 1 on each side of the gap between the instep & heel flap, then knit the 2 pickups together tbl, pickup and knit tbl 18 stitches along the heel flap. Distribute the stitches as appropriate to your needles. Start of round is now the beginning of the heel.

#### **Gusset Decreases**

Continue knitting from the appropriate instep chart, repeating the pattern repeat (red outline) 3 times.

**Round 1**: K to 2 stitches before the instep K2tog, knit the next pattern row; SSK, K to end of round

Round 2: K to instep; knit next pattern row; K to end of round

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 a total of 12 times, then repeat round 1 once. You should have **32**(36) sole stitches. *Note: If you have 31 sole stitches you probably forgot the M1 in the last leg row. If you are satisfied with your heel, you can add the stitch now. The number of sole stitches must equal the number of instep stitches to start the toe.* 

#### **Reset Start of Round**

Knit to start of instep. Set as beginning of round.

#### **Foot**

Continue knitting the next pattern row on the instep and stockinette on the sole until 1 ¾" (2") before your desired foot length, ending with round 4 or 8. If you ended the pattern before you reached the correct toe starting point, continue knitting in stockinette to reach your toe starting position.

Note: If you are knitting the Medium sock and have 31 sole stitches, you will need to increase one stitch on the sole before continuing with the toe.

#### Toe

**Round 1**: K1, SSK, K to 3 stitches before end of instep, K2tog K; K, SSK, K to 3 stitches before the end of the second needle (end of sole stitches), K2tog, K. **60** (68) stitches remain.

Round 2 & 3: K to end of round

Round 4: Repeat round 1. 56 (64) stitches remain.

Round 5: K to end of round

Repeat Rounds 4 & 5, **5**(6) more times. **36** (40) stitches remain.

Repeat Round 1, **6**(7) more times, 12 stitches remain, 6 sole stitches and 6 instep stitches.

### **Finishing**

Cut yarn leaving an 8" tail. Using tail, close the toe with the Kitchener Stitch. Weave in ends & block.

Knit second sock to match the first.



## Calculating your Toe Length Based on Row Gauge

About half way through the foot of your sock, measure your stockinette row gauge on the sole of the sock. This value is used to calculate the length of your sock's toe.

The medium toe specified in this pattern has 21 rows; if your row gauge is 12 rows / inch, then your toe will be 21/12'' or  $1\,\%''$  long. Stop your foot  $1\,\%''$  before your total sock length. Try on your sock and stretch it about %''. You want a little negative ease for a good fit. Measure from this point to the tip of your toe and if it's  $1\,\%''$ , start the toe. Hint: If you aren't sure about the toe fit, thread a lifeline before starting the toe.



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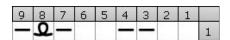
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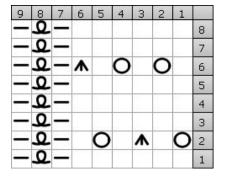
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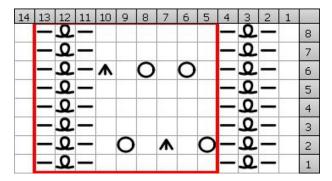
## **Charts**



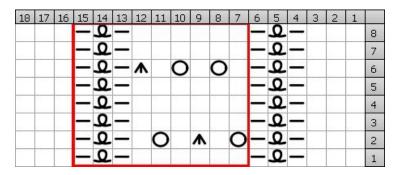
**Cuff Chart** 



**Leg Chart** 



**Medium Instep Chart** 



**Large Instep Chart** 

**Chart Legend Symbol Abbreviation Definition** Slip 2 as if to knit, K1 pass 2  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ CDD slipped stitches over Κ Q Knit 1 through the back K1 tbl loop Ρ Purl Pattern Repeat 0 YO Yarn Over