

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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I saw the sun coming out," said Frog. "I saw birds sitting and singing in a tree. I saw my mother and father working in their garden. I saw flowers in their garden."

"You found it!" cried Toad.

"Yes," said Frog. "I was very happy. I had found the corner that spring was just around."

-- Frog and Toad All Year, Arnold Lobel

Supplies:

2.5mm dpns (or whichever size you need to achieve gauge)

50g fingering weight sock yarn (I used Fortissima Socka superwash wool)

Darning needle

Gauge:

16 stitches and 21 rows = 2" square in stockinette stitch

SPECIAL STITCHES

TWISTED RIB PATTERN

k1 tbl, purl 1 repeat to end of round

X2R ~

Insert the right needle into next two stitches as if to knit two together. Knit two together but do not slide off left needle. Insert right needle into first stitch on left needle now and knit this stitch and then slide both off the left needle together forming a twist.

X2L ~

Insert the right needle through the back loop of the second stitch on the left needle. Knit this stitch through the back loop but do not slide stitch off the needle. Bring your right needle around to the front of your work and insert into the first stitch on your left needle. Knit this stitch and slide both this and the stitch you knit through the back loop off the left needle at the same time.

- A good demo of these two stitches can be seen at

<http://newstitchaday.com/right-twist-stitch/>

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****Note: each sock begins in the same manner then you will switch to the specific foot pattern once you have completed turning the heel**

Cast on 64 stitches

Divide onto four needles and join in the round.

Work 4 rows of twisted rib stitch

Heel Flap:

1st row - Slip 1st stitch of next round, knit 31, leave remaining 32 stitches on spare needle and just work back and forth on the 32 stitches just worked.

Next row - *sl 1, p1* repeat to end

Repeat these two rows for a total of 32 rows

Turn heel:

Row 1: K17, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 2: Sl1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 3: Sl1, k4, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 4: Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 5: Sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 6: Sl1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 7: Sl1, k8, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 8: Sl1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 9: Sl1, k10, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 10: Sl1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn work.

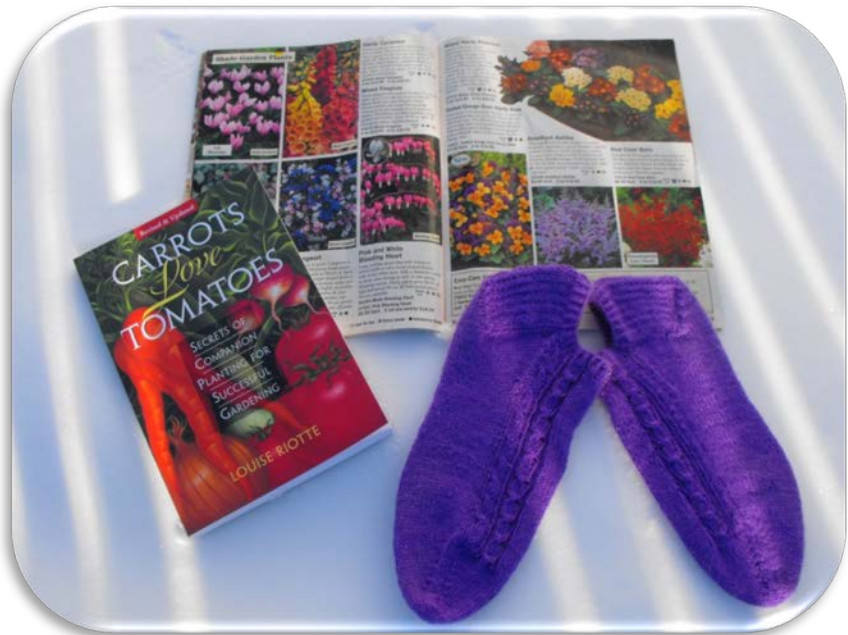
Row 11: Sl1, k12, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 12: Sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn work.

Row 13: Sl1, k14, ssk, k1, turn work.

Row 14: Sl1, p15, p2tog, p1, turn work. 18 sts remain.

Row 15: K9.



Gusset:

****Here is where you will follow either the left or right foot pattern**

LEFT FOOT PATTERN:

Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 5: k19,p2, k3, p2, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1

Round 4: k19, p2, k3, p2, k1, p1, X2R, p1, k1

Round 6: k19, p2, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, p2, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1

RIGHT FOOT PATTERN:

Rounds 1, 2, 3, and 5: k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p2, k3, p2, knit to end

Round 4: k1, p1, X2L, p1, k1, p2, k3, p2, knit to end

Round 6: k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p2, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, p2, knit to end

Round 1: Using Needle 1, knit remaining 9 sts of heel flap, pick up and knit 16 sts along side edge of heel flap, using Needles 2 and 3 complete row one of the appropriate pattern for the foot you are working on, using Needle 4, pick up and knit 16 along side edge of heel flap, knit remaining 9 sts of heel flap.

Round 2: K9, k16 tbl; work Round 2 of pattern over sts on Needles 2 and 3; k16 tbl, k9.

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

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 until there are 64 stitches remaining.

Foot:

Continue foot by knitting all stitches on needle 1 and 4 and following the appropriate pattern as set on needles 2 and 3 until foot measures 1 1/2" from desired finished length.

Toe:

Round 1 -

Needle 1: knit to 3 stitches before the end, k2 tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, knit to end

Needle 3: same as needle 1

Needle 4 : same as needle 2

Round 2 -

Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rows until 20 stitches remain, knit next five stitches, place stitches on two needles and graft together.

There are lots of great tutorials and videos on the Internet that provide instructions on how to graft (kitchener stitch). My favourite is from Knitty's Summer 2004 "Techniques with Theresa" article, which can be found at:

<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>.

Darn in ends and wait for spring to arrive.

Surely it's just around the corner!