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Diamondy
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This simple sock pattern combines a small lace inset with basic sock construction for an easy knit that shows off semi-solid yarns.
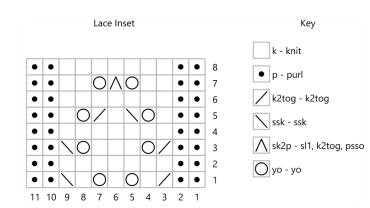
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Cuff

Cast on 64 [72, 80] stitches and join in the round, being careful not to twist. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Ribbing Round: *k1tbl, p1* around

Work twisted 1x1 ribbing as described above for 10 rounds or desired length, then knit one round. Continue to Leg.

Leg

Work the Lace Inset over the first 11 stitches according to the chart or written instructions below, knit 21 [25, 29] stitches, work the Lace Inset again, knit to end of round.

Sizes: Womens' small [medium, large]

Finished Measurements:
8 [9, 10]" leg circumference

Yarn: Sunshine Yarns Classic Sock [100% superwash merino wool, 370 yards per 100g skein (sample shown in Jungle Green)] or similar fingering weight yarn

Needles: US 1.5 (2.5mm) circular or dpns, as desired. Use size appropriate to achieve stated gauge.

Supplies: tapestry needle, stitch markers

Gauge: 32 sts and 44 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 sts together, right leaning decrease
p – purl
p2tog – purl 2 sts together
pm – place marker
sl – slip
ssk – slip next 2 sts knitwise separately, insert left needle into the front loops and knit together, left-leaning decrease
st(s) – stitch(es)
yo -

Lace Inset

Key

☐	k - knit
•	p - purl
╱	k2tog - k2tog
╲	ssk - ssk
⋀	sk2p - sl1, k2tog, psso
◯	yo - yo

Lace Inset

Round 1: P2, k2tog, (k, yo) x 2, k, ssk, p2.
Round 2, 4, 6, and 8: P2, k7, p2.
Round 3: P2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, p2.
Round 5: P2, k, yo, ssk, k, k2tog, yo, k, p2.
Round 7: P2, k2, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso, yo, k2, p2.

Continue working the leg as described until the Lace Inset pattern has been worked eight times, or until leg is desired length before the heel flap. End after working Round 8 of the chart or written instructions.

Reposition stitches as follows before begining heel flap. Knit 5 stitches from the instep needle(s) onto the heel needle(s) - (past the beginning of the round). Turn and *sl 1, then purl 31 [35, 39] stitches.
Five sts of the second lace inset have now been worked. Transfer the remaining 6 sts to the instep needle. Begin the heel flap.

Heel Flap

The heel flap will be worked flat across these 32 [36, 40] of the 64 [72, 80] stitches.

Row 1: *sl 1, k1* repeat across
Row 2: sl 1, purl across
Knit these two rows a total of 16 times (32 rows) [18 times (36 rows), 20 times (40 rows)], then proceed to Heel Turn and Gusset.

Heel Turn and Gusset

Row 1: sl 1 k 18 [20, 22], ssk, k1, turn
Row 2: sl 1, p 7 [7, 9], p2tog, p1, turn
Row 3: sl 1, knit to one stitch before gap, ssk, k1, turn
Row 4: sl 1, purl to one stitch before gap, p2tog, p1, turn
Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until all stitches have been worked, but do not slip first stitch on last purl row.

Knit across and pick up 17 [19, 21] gusset sts, knit across instep, and pick up 17 [19, 21] sts on the other side of the gusset. Knit to the center of the heel and place a marker.

The beginning of the round (BOR) is now located at the center of the heel. Decrease gusset stitches until 32[36, 40] sts remain, as follows:

Round 1: Knit to 3 stitches before instep, k2tog k1, knit across instep, k1 ssk.
Round 2: Knit.

Foot

Work in stockinette stitch until foot is approximately 2 [2.5, 2.5]" less then desired final foot length. Begin Toe.

Toe

For the toe decreases, the round will begin between the instep and sole stitches.
Round 1: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on sole needle(s), k2tog, k1. K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on instep needle(s), k2tog, k1.
Round 2: Knit

Round 1: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on instep needle(s), k2tog, k1. K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts on sole needle(s), k2tog, k1.
Round 2: Knit

Work these two rounds a total of 6 [8, 10] times (40 total stitches remain) then work only Round 1 5 more times (20 total stitches remain).

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, graft stitches to close toe, and weave in ends.