

Little Roses by Linda Fisher



I saw this pattern in the "Big Book of Knitting Stitch Patterns", and thought it too cute to not be used in a lovely pair of socks!

Size: Circumference = approximately 8".

Gauge: 30 sts = 4" in stockinet stitch

Materials: US#1 (2.25 mm) needles, or size to obtain correct gauge.

1 tapestry needle to weave in ends.

Yarn: Fingering Weight yarn. Enough for a pair of socks of the length you desire.

Pattern Notes :

- I have knit these socks in the round using magic loop method. I have referred to Instep sts/Sole sts/Front sts and Back sts in the instructions.
- I have incorporated a wrapless heel turn.

Abbreviations:

CO – Cast on

BO – Bind Off

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

sts – stitches

K – Knit

P – Purl

kfb – knit in the front and back of the next stitch

M1R – make one leaning Right as so: pick up the loop of the st below the one on the left needle, from back to front, and knit it through the back loop.

M1L – make one leaning Left as so: pick up the loop of the second st below the one just knit onto the right needle, from front to back, and knit through the front loop.

sll – slip one st as if to purl

ssk – slip, slip, knit (slip as if to knit)

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together

K3tog – knit 3 stitches together

Judy's magic CO - <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html>

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Directions:

Toe:

- CO 24sts using your preferred method. I use Judy's Magic* CO, 12 sts each needle. 12sts instep, 12 sts sole. When I start to knit rounds I leave the tail hanging out of one end, this way I always know where the start of the round is. Alternatively you can place a stitch marker.
- Knit one Round
- Increase as follows every round until you have 40 sts total. Then alternate an increase round with a knit round.
- Rounds 1- 4:
 - Instep: k1, kfb, knit to last two sts, kfb, k1
 - Sole: k1, kfb, knit to last two sts, kfb, k1
- Round 5: knit all stitches
- Round 6:
 - Instep: k1, kfb, knit to last two sts, kfb, k1
 - Sole: k1, kfb, knit to last two sts, kfb, k1
- Repeat rounds 5 & 6 until you have a total of 60sts around (30 instep, 30 sole)

Foot:

Start Little Roses Pattern Chart A. Work instep in pattern and sole in stockinet stitch until sock measures approximately 2 ½" inches less than desired length of foot.

Gusset:

Work in pattern on instep stitches.

On sole stitches:

- Round 1: k1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1 (2 sts increased)
- Round 2: k
- Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 53 sole sts.
- Work across the instep, to the sole sts, taking note of what pattern row number you are on. I found it nicest to be able to end at or close to row 16.

Turn Heel:

Heel turn will be worked back and forth over sole sts only.

- Round 1 (RS): k38, kfb, k1, turn
- Round 2 (WS): sl1, p25, pfb, p1, turn
- Round 3 (RS): sl1, k23, kfb, k1, turn
- Round 4 (WS): sl1, p21, pfb, p1, turn
- Round 5 (RS): sl1, k19, kfb, k1, turn
- Round 6 (WS): sl1, p17, pfb, p1, turn
- Round 7 (RS): sl1, k15, kfb, k1, turn
- Round 8 (WS): sl1, p13, pfb, p1, turn
- Round 9 (RS): sl1, k11, kfb, k1, turn
- Round 10 (WS): sl1, p9, pfb, p1, turn (63 sole sts)
- Round 11 (RS): work 1 round over all the sts picking up the bar between the sts where a gap has occurred (~every 3 stitches) and knit it with the next stitch. Pick the

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bar up from back to front with the left hand needle. This will twist the stitch to close the gap. Continue across the instep sts where you last left off in the pattern.

Heel Flap:

Knit across the sole sts (remembering to close the gap of those not closed yet) until 17 sts remain, ssk, turn work.

- Round 1 (WS): sl1, p29, p2tog, turn
- Round 2 (RS): (sl1, k1) 15 times, ssk, turn
- Rep these 2 rounds until you have used up sts on each end.

Leg:

You now have 30sts on instep and 31 sts on the sole.

Begin knitting Little Roses Chart A on Front of leg and Chart B on Back of leg. Begin back of leg when it corresponds with front of leg Row 1 (in the mean time knit back of leg sts). When the leg measures 1 1/2 " less than desired length begin the cuff.

Cuff:

Knit as follows:

Front sts: (K2, p1, k3, p1) (4 times), k2

Back sts: (p1, k2, p1, k3) (2 times), p1, k1, p1, (k3, p1, k2, p1) (2 times)

Repeat for 15 rows.

BO:

Prepare to bind off by cutting off a tail approximately arms length. (~3ft). Place tail on a tapestry needle. Sew off the stitches as follows:

Sew two sts as if to purl, leave sts on needle.

Sew one st as if to knit and remove that one st from needle.

Continue in this manner until all sts are BO. This will produce a nice stretchy BO.

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