

When you work the “make 1” increases for the toe and the gusset, you can do a lifted increase, or knit in the front and back of a stitch, whichever you prefer. I prefer the “knit in the front and back of a stitch” method – I find it makes a neater increase with no hole.

Toe:

Using the Turkish Cast-on method, (or another toe-up cast-on method like the Judy’s Magic Cast-on – see reference list at the end of the pattern), cast on a total of 26 (30, 34) stitches – 13 (15, 17) on each needle. Knit across the stitches on each needle once. On the next round increase 4 stitches thusly:

Needle 1: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Needle 2: K 1, M1, knit until the last stitch, M1, K1

Then knit a round without increasing.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have a total of 58, (66, 74) stitches: 29 (33, 37) on each needle.

Note: If you prefer a pointier toe, you can cast on fewer stitches, but be sure to increase until you have 29 (33, 37) stitches on each of the two needles.

Start the lace pattern: On Needle 1. Work the first row of the appropriate chart for the size you are making over the next 29 (33, 37) stitches. Knit across Needle 2.

Continue in this manner, working as many repeats of the chart as necessary until approximately 3” shy of the total length of the foot.

Create the Gusset:

Round 1: Work across Needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2: (sole stitches): K1, M1, knit across to the last stitch, M1, K1.

Round 2: Work across Needle 1 in the lace pattern. Needle 2: (sole stitches): Knit all stitches.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until you have 49 (55, 61) stitches total on Needle 2. Work across Needle 1 in pattern.

Turn the Heel:

You will now work back and forth on the stitches on Needle 2 and will not knit the stitches on Needles 1 while turning the heel. Turn heel as follows:

Row 1: (RS) K33 (37, 41), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 2: P 20 (22, 24), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 3: K 18 (20, 22), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 4: P 16 (18, 20), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 5: K 14 (16, 18), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 6: P 12 (14, 16), PFB, P1, W&T

Row 7: K 10 (12, 14), KFB, K1, W&T

Row 8: P 8 (10, 12), PFB, P1, W&T

Needle 2 now holds 57 (63, 69) stitches, having just completed a wrong-side row. On the right side, knit to the end of Needle 2, knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps. Work across instep stitches on Needle 1 in the lace pattern.

Heel flap: Work back and forth on heel stitches on Needle 2:

Row 1 (RS): K 42 (47, 52) (knitting each wrap together with the stitch it wraps), SSK, turn

Row 2: SL 1, P 27 (31, 35), P2TOG, turn

Row 3: [SL 1, K 1] 14 (16, 18) times, SSK, turn

Repeat Rows 2-3 until all side stitches have been worked, end having worked Row 2. Turn your work and knit across, decreasing 2 stitches evenly on this row. Needle 2 now holds 27 (31, 35) stitches

Begin working in the round again. Work the stitches on Needle 1 as established above. Starting with the same row you worked on Needle 1, work the lace pattern over Needle 2, **starting with the second stitch on the chart, and ending having worked stitch 28 (32, 36)**. When your sock is 1 inch short of the desired leg length, work in k2 p2 ribbing for 1 inch. Bind off very loosely in rib.

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