

Leaves of Whimsy Socks

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Knitted Measurements

- Fit Women's 8-9

Materials

- 1 Skein Opal sock yarn
75% Wool, 25% Polyamide,
fingering weight
100 gr/464 yds
Or
100 gr fingering wt.
yarn of choice
- 1 set of 2.5 mm dpns
- Other supplies:
Tape measure, tapestry
needle, stitch gauge, stitch
holder

Gauge

8 sts = 1 inch St. st.

Abbreviations

- K2tog: knit 2 sts together
- K3tog: knit 3 together
- SK2P: slip 1 stitch, knit 2
together, pass slipped st. over
k2tog
- Ssk: .Slip one stitch, then slip the
next. Insert left needle into the
front loops of the slipped
stitches and knit them
together from this position
(through the back loops).
- P2tog: purl 2 sts together
- Pu: pick up

Directions:

Leg: Loosely cast on 64 sts. Work
k2, p2 rib for 10 rnds or desired
length.

Begin Leaves of Whimsy pattern.

Leaves of Whimsy Pattern for leg and instep:

Rnd. 1: *P3, k9, k3tog, yo, k1, yo;
repeat from*

Rnd. 2 and all even numbered rnds:

*p3, k13; rep from *

Rnd. 3: *p3, k7, k3tog, [k1, yo] twice,
k1; rep from *

Rnd. 5: *p3, k5, k3tog, k2, yo, k1, yo,
k2; rep from*

Rnd. 7: *p3, k3, k3tog, k3, yo, k1, yo,
k3; rep from*

Rnd. 9: *p3, yo, k1, yo, SK2P, k9;
rep from *

Rnd. 11: *p3, [k1, yo] twice, k1,
SK2P, k7; rep from*

Rnd. 13: *p3, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2,
SK2P k5; rep from*

Rnd. 15: *p3, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3,
SK2P, k3; rep from *

Rnd. 16: Repeat row 2

Repeat this pattern 5 times, or
desired length of leg.



Heel Flap: the leaves of whimsy pattern will continue down heel flap, with a slight variation in the pattern.

- Place 32 sts on a stitch holder or leave the sts on 2 dpns. Work remaining 32 sts as follows, knitting back and forth on 1 needle.

Heel Flap pattern:

Row 1 (RS): sl 1 purlwise, p2, k8, k3tog, yo, k1, yo, p4, k8, k3tog, yo, k1, yo, k1

Row 2 and all WS rows: sl 1 purlwise, p12, k4, p12, k3

Row 3: sl 1 purlwise, p2, k6, k3tog, [k1, yo] twice, k1, p4, k6, k3tog, [k1, yo] twice, k2

Row 5: sl 1 purlwise, p2, k4, k3tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, p4, k4, k3tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k3

Row 7: sl 1 purlwise, p2, k2, k3tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, p4, k2, k3tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k4

Row 9: sl 1 purlwise, p2, yo, k1, yo, SK2P, k8, p4, yo, k1, yo, sk2p, k9

Row 11: sl 1 purlwise, p2, [k1, yo] twice, k1, sk2p, k6, p4, [k1, yo] twice, k1, sk2p, k7

Row 13: sl 1 purlwise, p2, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, sk2p, k4, p4, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, sk2p, k5

Row 15: sl 1 purlwise, p2, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, sk2p, k2, p4, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, sk2p, k3

Row 16: repeat row 2

Repeat this pattern twice for the heel flap.

Shape Heel

- Row 1: slip 1, k16, ssk, k1, turn
- Row 2: sl 1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn
- Row 3: sl 1, k4, ssk, k1, turn
- Row 4: sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue in this fashion, increasing by 1 the number of sts worked before the decrease in each row, until you have 18 sts, finishing with a right side row, ready to pick up gusset sts.

Instep & Gusset decreasing

- With RS facing and needle 1, pick up and knit 16 sts along first side of heel flap; then pick up another 2 sts @ the end of the gusset (this is to prevent a hole). With needles 2 & 3 continue in pattern (you are beginning on rnd. 1 of the leg pattern) across instep. With needle 4 pick up 2 extra sts @ the beginning of the gusset, then pick up and knit 16 sts along gusset, then knit across 9 sts along the heel flap.

- Sts on needles are as follows:
 Needle #1: 27 sts
 Needle #2: 16 sts
 Needle #3: 16 sts
 Needle #4: 27 sts

Before beginning gusset decreasing knit one round, while knitting this round ktbl of the 18 pu sts on needles #1 and #4, this will tighten the pu sts.

Begin Gusset Decreases

- Rnd 1:
 Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1
 Needles 2 & 3: cont. in pattern
 Needle 4: k1, ssk, k rem. Sts
- Rnd 2:
 Needles 1 & 4: knit all sts
 Needles 2 & 3: cont in pattern
- Repeat these 2 rnds until you have 16 sts on each needle: 64 sts

Continue to knit in rnds, with needles 2 & 3 continuing in pattern & needles 1 & 4 knit even until sock measures approx. 8 inches or 2 inches shorter than desired length of sock.

Toe Decreases:

- Rnd 1:
 - Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1
 - Needle 2: k1, ssk, k rem sts
 - Needle 3: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1
 - Needle 4: k1, ssk, k rem. Sts
- Rnd 2:
 - Knit all sts

Repeat these 2 rnds until 32 total sts remain.

Repeat rnd 1 until 16 total sts remain. Place 8 sts on 2 needles (1 needle on the top or instep side of the sock and 1 needle on the bottom or heel side of the sock) and graft toe together using **Kitchener st.**

