

Celebratory Chevrons Socks

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Experience Level:

Intermediate.

Size: Women's medium (large), 7½ (9½) inches

Materials:

- 1 skein J. Knits Superwash Me Sock 75% Superwash Wool, 25% Nylon (420yds, 4oz), color "Happy Anniversary to Ewe"
- 1 set of size 1 double point knitting needles (or size required for gauge)
- Tapestry needle for grafting toe stitches

Gauge:

8 sts/inch in stockinette stitch

Note: Because the lace repeat is so large, there is a large variance between the sizes as written. If you want a sock sized some place in between, try using a smaller needle and knitting the larger size, or using a larger needle and knitting the smaller size. The lace pattern has a lot of stretch, so another option is to add 5 more stitches to the ribbing in the

cuff, then decrease these stitches out by knitting or purling stitches together at the back of the leg over the last 3 rounds of ribbing.

The lace pattern used for the leg of this sock is based on a stitch pattern out of a Japanese stitch dictionary. The panel for the top of the foot takes this lace pattern and reflects it into ripples.

Chevron Lace:

Multiple of 15 stitches

Round 1 and all odd numbered rows (WS): Knit.

Round 2: * Yo, k2, ssk, k6, k2tog, k2, yo, k1. Repeat from * to end of row.

Round 4: * K1, yo, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, yo, k2. Repeat from * to end of row.

Round 6: * K2, yo, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k3. Repeat from * to end of row.

Round 8: * K3, yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k4. Repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat rounds 1-8.

Chevron Reflection Lace Panel:

Multiple of 30 stitches

Round 1 and all odd numbered rounds: Knit.

Round 2: * K4, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk, k2, yo, k2, ssk, k5.

Round 4: * K3, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k3, yo, k2, ssk, k2, yo, k2, ssk, k4.

Round 6: * K2, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k5, yo, k2, ssk, k2, yo, k2, ssk, k3.

Round 8: * K1, k2tog, k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k2, yo, k7, yo, k2, ssk, k2, yo, k2, ssk, k2.

Repeat rounds 1-8.

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

Ssk: Working one stitch at a time, slip two stitches from the left needle to the right needle as if to knit. Insert the left needle into the back of the two slipped stitches on the right needle and knit the stitches together.

Yo: Yarn over.

Instructions:

Leg: Cast on 60 (75) sts loosely. Divide the stitches on to 3 needles as follows: 15 (30) sts on needle 1, 30 (30) sts on needle 2, and 15 (15) sts on needle 3. Place a marker to keep track of the end of round. Work in k3, p2 ribbing for 1½ (2) inches.

Start working the chevron lace pattern. Keep in mind that there will be yarn overs at the end of the needles on round 2. This will work fine – just be careful that the yarn overs don't fall off the ends of the needle. Continue working in chevron lace pattern until the leg measures 7½ (8) inches or the desired length.

Heel: Knit 15 (19) sts from needle 1. Turn work. Sl 1, purl 29 (36) stitches, using the stitches from needles 1 and 3. These 30 (37) stitches are your heel stitches. The

remaining 30 (38) sts can all be slid on to needle 2. These stitches will be the instep and are worked later.

Working only the heel stitches:

Row 1: * Sl 1, k1, repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: Sl 1, purl to end of row.

Repeat these two rows 15 (17) times, creating 16 (18) chain stitches along each edge of the heel flap.

To turn the heel:

Row 1: Knit 17 (21), sl 1, k1, pssso, k1. Turn work.

Row 2: Sl 1, p5 (p6), p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1, k1, pssso, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p to 1 st before gap p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches from the heel flap have been worked.

Gusset:

Knit the first half of the heel stitches onto one needle. Knit the second half onto another needle. With this second needle, pick up and knit 16 (18) sts along the right side of the heel. With an empty needle, work across the 30 (38) instep stitches keeping in the established pattern for 1 repeat, then switching to the chevron reflection lace pattern for the remainder of the foot. For the large size, I find it easiest to work 4 sts stockinette at each end of needle 2, while working the center 30 sts in the lace patterns. That way the knitter doesn't have to worry about splitting the repeats. For the medium size, this is not an issue. With the remaining needle, pick up and knit 16 (18) sts along the left side of the heel, then work across the remaining heel sts. You should now have half of the heel stitches plus the right gusset stitches on needle 1, the instep stitches on needle 2, and the left gusset stitches plus the rest of the heel stitches on needle 3.

Round 1: Knit the sts on needle 1 to the last 3 sts. End k2tog, k1. Work across the instep sts on needle 2, continuing in the established pattern. At the beginning of needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit the stitches on needles 1 and 3 and work the established pattern on needle 2.

Repeat these 2 rounds until you have 60 (75) sts remaining –15 (18) sts on needle 1, 30 (38) sts on needle 2, and 15 (19) sts on needle 3.

Foot:

Continue working in established pattern (chevron) reflection lace on the instep sts, stockinette on the remaining sts) until foot measures $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches less than the desired length.

Toe:

Work the toe stitches in stockinette stitch. For the large size, in order to have the same number of stitches on the top and bottom of the foot, k2tog in the middle of needle 2 on the first round, so that there are 37 sts on the bottom of the foot (heel sts) and 37 sts on the top of the foot (instep sts) – 74 sts total. This will make it easier to graft the toe closed.

Round 1: Work to 3 sts away from the end of needle 1. End k2tog, k1. Begin needle 2 with k1, ssk. Work to the last 3 sts and end k2tog, k1. Begin needle 3 with k1, ssk. Knit to end of needle.

Round 2: Knit round plain.

Repeat these two rounds until you have 24 sts remaining – 12 heel sts and 12 instep sts. Knit the heel sts onto one needle. Graft the toe closed using the Kitchner stitch.

Make a second sock to match the first.

Happy Anniversary, Loopy Ewe!



