Kurrajong Handcrafts

café curtaíns

The lace pattern in these socks is very easy, and looks just a little like café curtains pulled back prettily on either side of a window.

Size

Women's small - medium

Requirements

Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock, shown in colour 'Lakeview'. I used one skein for small socks with a shortish cuff, allow two if you want longer socks. 2.5mm circular or double-pointed needles.

Gauge

9 sts/inch in stocking stitch

Abbreviations

yf – yarn forward as if to purl; yb – yarn back as if to knit; yo – yarn over; ssk – slip next two stitches kwise, return to left needle and k2tog through back loops;

Pattern Stitch

Lace pattern is worked over 8 stitches and 8 rounds. Round 1 and all odd rounds: *k7, p1* rpt to end Round 2: *k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p1* rpt to end Round 4: *k2tog, k1, yo, k4, p1* rpt to end Round 6: *k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk, p1* rpt to end Round 8: *k4, yo, k1, ssk, p1* rpt to end

Instructions

Cast on 64 stitches and join into the round, being careful not to twist. Work p2, k2 rib for 8 rounds.

Commence pattern, work 8 rows of patt rpt 5 times or until cuff is desired length. Work heel over next 32 stitches, placing remaining stitches on holder or spare needles. Each yf or yb at the beginning of a row creates a yarn-over pair. These are knitted together at the end of the short rows to create a neat finish without holes.





<u>Heel</u>

Row 1: k to last stitch, turn

Row 2: yb p1, p to last stitch, turn

Row 3: yf k1, k to next yo pair, turn

Row 4: yb p1, p to next yo pair, turn

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 11 stitches remain between the yo pairs.

To complete heel:

Row 1: yf k1, k to next yo pair, k 1st stitch of pair, slip next yo pwise and slip first stitch of next pair kwise, return slipped stitches to left needle and k2togtbl

Row 2: yb p1, p to next yo pair, p 1st stitch of pair, p2tog (next yo and 1st stitch of next pair)

Row 3: yf k1, k to next yo pair, k 1st stitch of pair, slip next 2 yos pwise and slip first stitch of next pair kwise, return slipped stitches to left needle and k3togtbl

Row 4: yb p1, p to next yo pair, p 1st stitch of pair, p3tog (next 2 yos and 1st stitch of next pair)

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until the final k3togtbl, there will still be yarn-overs at the other end of the needle.

Recommence working in the round.

Next round: patt 32 sts (top of foot), k3tog, k to last stitch, p1.

Continue working pattern on top of foot and stocking stitch on sole. To balance pattern purl last stitch of sole stiches in each row. Continue until sock is within 2 inches of toe.

<u>Toe</u>

Work short-row toe over stitches on top of foot, leaving sole stitches on a holder. Work as for heel until the final k3togtbl, there will still be yarn-overs at the other end of the needle, turn. Next row: p to last three stitches, p3tog

Break yarn and graft seam using kitchener stitch. Darn in ends.