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Sizes woman's small and medium; foot length 9" and 9½"
Yarn 3 skeins of Morehouse Merino 2-Ply (sport weight, 225 yards per skein)
Needles set of double-pointed needles (set with five needles) #3 or #4 or size to obtain gauge
Gauge 6 stitches = 1 inch over stockinette stitch

Cast on 52 (58) stitches (use an elastic cast-on method such as long-tail cast-on). Distribute stitches over 3 needles as follows: 16 (19) stitches on the first and third needle, 20 stitches on second needle (this arrangement makes it easier to work cable pattern on front of Sock). Join stitches and work 10 rounds in 1x1 rib pattern for cuff (*knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch; repeat from * to end of round). Knit 2 rounds and start cable pattern.

Cable Pattern

Rounds 1-6 First and third needle: knit stitches
Second needle: purl 2 stitches, *knit 4 stitches, purl 2 stitches; repeat from * two more times (to end of second needle)
Round 7 First and third needle: knit stitches
Second needle: purl 2 stitches, *slide the next 2 stitches on extra needle (or cable needle) and put this holding needle in back of needle you are working on (slide stitches as of to purl), knit the next 2 stitches, then knit the 2 stitches on holding (or cable) needle, purl 2 stitches, repeat from * two more times (to end of second needle)



Cable pattern on front of Sock

Repeat pattern until Sock measures about 17" from cast-on, ending with Round 7. Start decreases: work Round 1 of pattern as follows: knit first stitch, knit the next 2 stitches together, knit to end of first needle. Work pattern in second needle. And work third needle as follows: knit to last 3 stitches, knit the next 2 stitches together, knit last stitch = 50 (56) stitches. Then continue with Rounds 2 to 7 of pattern. Repeat these 7 rounds a total of 4 (5) times = 44 (48) stitches left. Work 14 more rounds in pattern.

Heel You'll be using stitches from the first and third needle. Use 5th needle from set of double-pointed needles for heel and knit the first 10 stitches, *turn and work on inside (on wrong side) of Sock back to beginning of row as follows: slip first stitch (when slipping first stitch, slip stitch as if to purl stitch with yarn in front on wrong-side rows; and on right-side rows slip stitch as if to knit stitch with yarn in back), then purl 19 stitches (you'll be adding 10 stitches from third needle). These 20 stitches will be for your heel—put them on one needle. Turn again (right side facing you), slip first stitch and knit to end of needle. Repeat from * for a total of 20 rows, ending with wrong-side row.

Turning Heel Next row (right-side row), slip first stitch, knit 13 stitches, knit the next 2 stitches together; turn, *slip first stitch, purl the next 8 stitches, then purl 2 together; turn, slip first stitch, knit the next 8 stitches, then knit 2 together; turn and rep from * until you have 10 stitches left (you'll finish with: slip stitch, purl 8, purl 2 together).

Foot Now turn – you'll be working on right side – slip first stitch, then knit 9 stitches. Then, using the same needle, pick up 11 stitches along heel (toward first needle). Pick up stitches as follows: 1 stitch per 2 rows on heel and 1 additional stitch before stitches on first needle (for this last stitch, pick up yarn between stitches with left-hand needle, then knit through back of loop over needle), and knit the remaining 2 (4) stitches on the 1st needle. (You now have 23 (25) stitches on this needle.) Work stitches on second needle in pattern. Knit 2 (4) stitches from third needle, then pick up 11 stitches along other side of heel (using the same as you did on the other side). You'll now have 13 (15) stitches on the first and third needles for a total of 56 (60) stitches. *Knit 2 rounds in pattern. Next, work decrease round as follows: knit stitches on first needle to last 4 (6) stitches, knit 2 stitches together, knit last 2 (4) stitches. Work stitches on second needle in pattern; on third needle knit 2 (4), slip 1 stitch and knit 1 stitch, then pass slipped stitch over knit stitch; then knit remaining stitches on needle. Repeat from * until you have 44 (48) stitches again (for a narrow foot, knit 2 rounds, then repeat decrease round one more time). Next, work in pattern until foot measures 7" (7½") from back of heel.

Toe Shaping Cable patterns ends here. From now on, knit stitches on second needle. Knit 5 rounds. Next, *knit 4, knit 2 together; rep from * to end of round (knit remaining stitches—if any—at end of round on this and all subsequent decrease rounds). Knit 4 rounds. Next: *knit 3, knit 2 together; rep from * to end of round. Knit 3 rounds. Next round: *knit 2, knit 2 together; rep from * to end of round. Knit 2 rounds. Next: *knit 1, knit 2 together; rep from * to end of round. Knit 1 round. Next: *knit 2 together; rep from * to end of round. Pull yarn through remaining stitches.

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