

EP09-04

## SPRING GARDEN SOCKS (W160)

Materials: 2 50g balls Cascade Fixation

2.75mm and 3.25mm double pointed needles (set of 5 needles) stitch marker

Gauge: approximately 28 sts = 4" on larger needles in stocking stitch. Adjust needle size to obtain gauge.

## Abbreviations:

**Yo =** yarn over

**RT** = right twist. Knit the  $2^{nd}$  of 2 sts on left needle, then k the  $1^{st}$  of the 2 sts. Slip both sts off the left needle.

**K1B** = knit st through the back loop

K2T and K3T = knit 2 sts tog and knit 3 sts tog, respectively

**P2T =** purl 2 sts together

SSK = slip 2 sts individually as if to knit then the 2 sts tog through the back loops

SKP = slip 1 sts, knit 1 st, pass the slipped st over the st worked

SK2P = slip 1 sts, k2t, pass the slipped st over

**Leg:** Loosely cast on 60 sts on larger size needle. Divide sts evenly onto 4 needles. Join being careful not to twist. Place marker at start of round. Work in Leaf & Vines Pattern Stitch (below) for 20 rounds. Change to smaller needles & cont working in the established patt for an additional 40 rounds.

## Leaf & Vines Pattern Stitch: (Stitch count changes after row 4)

\*k2, yo, k5, yo, sk2p, yo, k5, yo \* 4 times
\*RT, k15 \* 4 times
\*k2, yo, k1, k2t, p1, skp, k1, yo, p1, yo, k1, k2t, p1,skp, k1, yo \* 4 times
\*RT, k3, p1, k3, p1, k3, p1, k3 \* 4 times
\*k2, yo, k1, k2t, p1, skp, k1, p1, k1, k2t, p1, skp, k1, yo \* 4 times
\*RT, k3, p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k3 \* 4 times
\*RT, k3, p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k3 \* 4 times
\*RT, k4, p1, k1, yo, k2t, p1, skp, p1, k2t, p1, skp, yo, k1, yo \* 4 times
\*RT, k4, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k4 \* 4 times
\*k2, yo, k3, yo, sk2p, p1, k3t, yo k3, yo \* 4 times
\*RT, k13 \* 4 times

**Heel Flap:** Starting at the beg of next round, k13, k2t. Turn work & p27, p2t (28 sts for heel flap). Work heel flap as follows: Row 1: \*sl 1 purlwise, k1 \* across row; Row 2: \*sl 1 purlwise, p28. Rep these 2 rows until heel flap measures 2.5", ending with a purl row.

## Heel:

1: k16, ssk, k1, turn

2: sl1, p5, p2t, p1, turn

3: sl1, k to 1 st before the gap, ssk, k1, turn

4: sl1, p to 1 sts before the gap, p1t, p1, turn

Cont working rows 3 & 4 until all the heel sts have been worked. You should have 16 heel sts rem.

**Gusset & Foot**: K across the 16 heel sts, pick up & k 18 sts along  $1^{st}$  gusset edge, pm, k the first 2 instep sts tog, k across the next 26 instep sts, k the last 2 instep sts tog, pm, pick up & k 18 sts along  $2^{nd}$  gusset edge, k to centre of heel (end of round). 80sts. The gusset is formed by dec 1 sts on either side of instep every other round as follows: Round 1 - 1

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typographical error. ©Estelle Designs and Sales Ltd 2009 This is a free pattern. For more free patterns, visit www.estelleyarns.com knit; Round 1 - k to 3 sts bef  $1^{st}$  marker, k2t, k1, k instep sts, k1, ssk, k to centre of heel. Work these 2 rounds until 58 sts remain. Remove the 2 markers at this point. Cont working in st st until foot meas 2" shorter than desired total length. Divide the sts on 4 needles so there are 14 sts (with beg of the round marker in middle) on needle 1, 15 sts on needle 2, 14sts on needle 3, 15 sts on needle 4

**Toe:** Round 1: \*k to last 2 sts, k2t \* repeat for all 4 needles. Round 1: knit. Work these 2 rounds until 34 sts rem, the work round 1 until 6 sts rem. Cut the yarn, thread the cut end onto a tapestry needle, then pass through the remaining sts & tighten. Weave in the yarn end on the inside of the toe.

**A Word About Fit** Socks should have a firm fabric & fit snugly on foot. This helps them wear longer & be more comfortable. The instructions as written will make a sock that comfortably fits someone that measures 11.25" around the calf where the cuff will hit & 8.24" around the ball of the foot. You can adjust the fit by changing (or not changing) needle size or by decreasing more or fewer sts at the gusset.

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