

Claver



These summery socks are a riot of cables and lace.
Best worn in the garden when the sun is shining!

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Finished Measurements:

UK Woman's 5-7

Foot length 24cm/9½ inches, leg circumference 17.5cm/7 inches after blocking, with negative ease of up to 5cm/2 inches.

Materials:

- ❖ 2 x 50g skeins Shelridge Farm Soft Touch Ultra (100% wool, 175yds/50g) in colour: Clover Flower
- ❖ Set of 4 x 2.25mm/US 1 dpns or size needed to obtain correct tension
- ❖ Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- ❖ Cable needle (optional, see pattern notes)
- ❖ Stitch marker (optional, to mark beginning of round)

Tension:

32 sts = 10cm/4inches in stocking stitch in the round.

Abbreviations:

k	= knit
p	= purl
yo	= yarn over
ssk	= slip, slip, knit: slip next two stitches knitwise separately, insert left-hand needle into the front of the stitches and knit together through the back of the stitches
k2tog	= knit two stitches together
c4f	= cable 4 forward: slip next two stitches onto a cable needle and hold at the front of your work. k2, and then k2 sts from the cable needle.
st(s)	= stitch(es)

Notes:

The socks can be adjusted for any foot length, see directions for the foot.

Cabling without a cable needle will make working the cables much simpler. There are many excellent tutorials and videos of this technique available on the internet. To work the c4f used in this pattern without a cable needle, insert right needle into back loops of third and fourth sts on left needle, slip all four sts off left needle, being careful to pinch the base of the first and second sts to avoid them unravelling. Pick up the loops of first and second sts with left needle, replace sts from right needle on left needle and knit all 4 sts.

Directions:

Cast on 66sts over two dpns held parallel and then arrange evenly over 3 dpns. Join for working in the round, placing a stitch marker to denote beginning of round if desired.

Next round: *k2, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1, rep from * to end of round.

Work a further 14 rounds in ribbing as set. Now begin pattern as follows, or work from chart A:

Round 1: *k2tog, yo, k3, p1, c4f, p1, rep from * to end of round

Round 2 and every even numbered round: *k5, p1, k4, p1, rep from * to end of round

Round 3: *k2, yo, ssk, k1, p1, k4, p1, rep from * to end of round

Round 5: *k3, yo, ssk, p1, c4f, p1, repeat from * to end of round

Round 7: * k1, k2tog, yo, k2, p1, k4, p1, rep from * to end of round

Round 8: *k5, p1, k4, p1, rep from * to end of round

Work pattern for a total of 8 repeats, or until sock cuff is required length, ending after either row 4 or 8 and making a note of which pattern round you end with.

Heel flap:

Next round: (k2, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1) twice, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2 - 30sts worked onto one needle. Turn work.

Next round: sl1, p32, turn. You will now have 33sts on one needle for the heel flap. Slip the 33 remaining sts together on one needle for the instep and begin working heel flap.

Row 1: sl1, k1, p1, (k2, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1) twice, k2, p1, k2, p1, k2
 Row 2: sl1, p32

Repeat these two rows a further 15 times (32 heel flap rows worked in total).

Heel turn:

Row 1: sl1, k18, ssk, k1, turn
 Row 2: sl1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn
 Row 3: sl1, k7, ssk, k1, turn
 Row 4: sl1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue shaping heel flap in this manner until 19sts remain, ending at the end of a purl row. Note that the last two rows will not have an additional st after p2tog/ssk.

Foot:

Knit across 19 heel flap sts. With needle 1, pick up 16sts along heel

flap, plus 2 additional sts at the corner. With needle 2 work 33 instep sts following Chart B, beginning with next round of pattern as set. With needle 3, pick up 2sts in the corner of the heel flap and 16sts along edge. Knit 9sts from heel flap needle onto needle 3 and slip remaining 10sts onto needle 1.

Next round: k to last 2 sts on needles 1, ssk. Work across needle 2 in instep pattern. Needle 3: k2tog, k to end.

Now begin instep decreases as follows:

Round 1: k to last 3 sts on needle 1, k2tog, k1, knit sts on needle 2 in pattern, needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end.

Round 2: k sts on needles 1 and 3, work sts on needle 2 in pattern.

Continue with these two rounds until there are 33 sole sts remaining. Work without decreasing until foot measures 20cm/8 inches or 4cm/1½ inches less than required total length.

Toe:

Round 1: k all sts

Round 2: k to last 3 sts on needle 1, k2tog, k1. Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Needle 3: k1, ssk, k to end. Repeat these two rounds until 34sts remain.

Knit sts on needle 1 onto needle 3 - 17sts on each needle - and graft sts together.

