

Pablo



I combined Magic Loop - my new favourite sock knitting technique - with my annual gift knitting to come up with these socks. They are designed with an ultra-stretchy lace pattern that comfortably fits a multitude of calf sizes. The yarn is a shimmery merino/tencel blend, which looks luxurious and makes a special pair of handknitted socks even more so.

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Finished Measurements:

To fit UK woman's shoe size 4-7
Foot length 24cm/9½ inches, leg
circumference 18cm/7 inches, with
negative ease of up to 14cm/5½
inches

Materials:

- ❖ 1 x 100g skein Wild Fire Fibres
Manyana (50% merino/50% tencel,
366m/100g) in colour: Pablo
- ❖ 2.5mm/US1.5 80cm long circular
needle, or size needed to obtain
correct tension

Tension:

32 sts x 38 rows = 10cm/4" worked in
stocking stitch

Pattern Notes:

These socks are knitted using Magic
Loop. If you have never tried this
method, there are many online
tutorials available, just type "magic
loop" into Google. If you would
prefer to use dpns to knit these socks, I
suggest that when you divide the
stitches over the needles you keep
the sts used for centre panel of Chart
A together, due to the shifting of the
sts on different rows of the lace
pattern.

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
sk2pss	= slip 1 stitch, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over
st(s)	= stitch(es)

Directions:

Holding the two ends of the circular
needle parallel, cast on 61sts.
Remove one needle and join in the
round, arranging sts so that there are
30sts on needle 1 and 31sts on needle
2. Commence ribbing as follows:

Needle 1: (k4, p2) twice, k6, (p2, k4)
twice

Needle 2: p1, *k4, p1, repeat from * to
end of needle.

Continue working ribbing as set for 12
rounds in total. Now commence
pattern by working across Chart A
once for needle 1 and Chart B once
for needle 2.

Work for four whole repeats of Chart
A, or until sock is required length,
ending after an even-numbered
round.

Heel:

Work heel across needle 2, leaving
stitches on needle 1 resting on the
cord, or on a spare needle if
preferred.

Row 1 (ws): k1, *p2tog, yo, p2, k1,
repeat from * to end of row

Row 2 (rs): k1, *k2tog, yo, k2, p1,
repeat from * to last 5sts, k2tog, yo, k2,
k1

Repeat these two rows for a total of
30 rows, ending with the ws facing for
the heel turn.

Heel turn:

Row 1: sl1, p16, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 2: sl1, k4, ssk, k1, turn

Row 3: sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 4: sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn

Row 5: sl1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn

Continue shaping heel in this manner, working an extra stitch each time, until 17sts remain. On the last two rows, there will not be an extra stitch to work after the decrease.

Gusset and foot:

Pick up 15sts along side of heel flap, k across 30sts on instep using Chart A. Pick up 15sts on other side of heel flap, then k across the heel sts and back up the first group of picked up sts. You will have 30sts on needle 1 and 47sts on needle 2.

Round 1: Work across needle 1 following Chart A as set, needle 2: k1, ssk, k to last 3sts, k2tog, k1
Round 2: Work across needle 1 following Chart A as set, k all sts on needle 2

Continue decreasing as set until there are 31 sts on needle 1, and then work without further decreasing until foot measure 20cm from back of heel, or 4cm/1½inches less than desired foot length.

Toe:

Set up round: k all sts on needle 1, k to last 2 sts on needle 2, k2tog (30 sts on each needle)

Round 1: k

Round 2: k1, ssk, k to last 2 sts, k2tog, k1, repeat for needle 2

Continue until there are 14 sts on each needle. Break yarn and graft sts together. Repeat for second sock!

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