

inspiration!

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to design a pair inspired by the still-life pictured left, couldn't be cooler. Do you see what they see?

COOKIE A.

Cookie A.'s Poppy socks pop in a saturated solid of Koigu Wool Designs' "KPM." They're knit in a scalloped shell lace pattern from the stockinette-stitch toes to the ribbed cuffs.

poppy optics

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GRUMPERINA

Leave it to Grumperina to turn a small detail into a focal point. Riffing off the sunny tones of the painting, she uses orangey "Shepherd Sock" from Lorna's Laces for her Miele socks, knit from the ribbed cuffs down as pretty textured braids set off a pair of cable patterns on a stockinette background.

citrus sweet

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it's all about

Knit.1 challenged four star sock knitters
The results—as varied as their creators—

YARNISSIMA

Yarnissima brings the bouquet's subtle foliage to the forefront. Her toe-up Basilio socks are worked in a basil-leaf pattern from instep to mid-calf in the basil colorway of Blue Sky Alpacas' "Skinny Dyed." The cuffs sport lacy leaf details as well.

leafy greens

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CAT BORDHI

Bordhi's Blossom Top socks render the still-life impressionistically in two colorways of "Fortissima Socka" from the Skacel Collection. Off-white/blue twist represents the "vase," which is knit upward with a garter-stitch toe, a foot shaped by sole-side increases and a ribbed ankle. The cuff of "flowers" blooms in a cherry red feather-and-fan scheme.

art and sole

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Work as for right sleeve until 86 rows have been worked above rib. Cont to foll chart for left sleeve for bead placement and complete as for right sleeve.

finish the pullover

- Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

make the neckband

• With RS facing, circular needle and unbeaded yarn, beg at left shoulder seam, pick up and k 18 sts evenly spaced along left front neck edge, k 35 sts from front neck holder, pick up and k 18 sts along right front neck edge to right shoulder seam, pick up and k 5 sts along right back neck edge, k 51 sts from back neck holder, pick up and k 5 sts along left back neck edge—132 sts.

Join and pm for beg of rnds. Work around in k2, p2 rib for 1"/2.5cm.

Bind off loosely in rib. ♥

19. basilico socks



stuff

- 3 hanks in #313 Basil of Skinny Dyed by Blue Sky Alpacas, 2.3oz/65g hanks, each approx 150yd/137m (organic cotton)
- One set (5) size 3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles (or needles for preferred circular method) OR SIZE TO GET THE GAUGE
- Scrap yarn and crochet hook for provisional cast-on
- Stitch markers

Sized for adult woman and shown on page 44.

the measurements

Circumference (around the foot) approx 8"/20.5cm

Length (from bottom of heel to top of cuff) approx 10"/25.5cm

the gauge

24 sts and 36 rnds to 4"/10cm over St st (after blocking). BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

short row wrapping (wrap and turn—w & t) knit (purl) side

- 1) Wyib (wyif), sl next st purlwise.
- 2) Move yarn between the needles to the front (back).
- 3) Sl the same st back to LH needle. Turn work, bring yarn to the knit (purl) side between needles. One st is wrapped.
- 4) When short rows are completed, work to just before wrapped st. For knit side: Insert RH needle under the wrap and knitwise into the wrapped st, k them together. For purl side: Insert RH needle from behind into the back loop of the wrap and place it on the LH needle; p wrap tog with st on needle.

stitch glossary

M1R Insert LH needle from back to front under the strand between last st worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit into the front loop to twist the st.

M1L Insert the LH needle from front to back under the strand between last st worked and the next st on the LH needle. Knit into the back loop to twist the st.

make the toe

- With crochet hook and scrap yarn for provisional cast-on, crochet a chain of more than 18 sts.

With dpns and main yarn, pick up 18 sts through the back loops of the chain. (Or use your preferred cast-on method for toe up socks, such as Judy's Magic Cast-On.) Join and pm for beg of rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Distribute sts evenly on needles.

Rnd 1 [K1, M1L, k7, M1R, k1] twice.

Rnd 2 Knit even. Cont in St st (knit every rnd), inc 4 sts every other rnd and working 2 more sts between incs until there are 34 sts, end with a rnd 2.

make the foot

- **Next rnd** (instep) K8, yo, k1 tbl, yo, k8, (sole) k1, M1L, k15, M1R, k1.

Next rnd K9, k1 tbl, k to end of rnd.

Rep last 2 rnds, working 1 more st before the first yo and after the 2nd yo on the instep and 2 sts more between the incs on the sole, until there are 50 sts and both rnds have been worked.

begin chart

(*Note* There are 26 instep sts after working the odd rows of chart, the extra st is decreased in the foll row)

- Work chart over the instep sts, keeping the 25 sts of the sole in St st until 24 rows are complete.

make the gusset

left gusset

- **Inc rnd 1** K1, k2tog, k9, yo, k1 tbl, yo, k to end—26 sts.

Rnd 2 K12, k1 tbl, k to end. Rep last 2 rnds 5 times more—56 sts.

right gusset

- **Inc rnd 1** K17, *yo, k1 tbl, yo, k10, ssk, k to end*.

Rnd 2 K18, k1 tbl, k to end.

Inc rnd 3 K18; rep from * to * from inc rnd 1.

Rnd 4 K19, k1 tbl, k to end.

Cont to inc in this manner, working 1 more st before * in odd numbered rnds and working even rnds in pat, until 6 sts have been inc'd and end with an even rnd—62 sts.

middle gusset

- **Inc rnd 1** K12, **yo, k1 tbl, yo, k to end**.

Rnd 2 K13, k1 tbl, k to end.

Inc rnd 3 K13; rep from ** to ** from inc rnd 1. Cont to inc in this manner working 1 more st before ** in odd numbered rnds and working even rnds in pat until 12 sts have been inc'd, end with an even rnd—74 sts.

Next (inc) rnd K24, yo, k1 tbl, yo, k24, pm for beg of heel sts—76 sts.

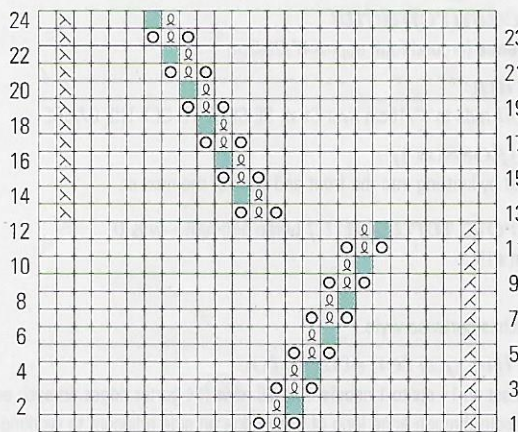
turn the heel

- Keeping instep and gusset sts on hold, cont on next 25 sts only, working back and forth in short rows as foll:

Row 1 (RS) K24, w&t **Row 2** P23, w&t.

Row 3 K to 1 st before wrapped st, w&t.

Row 4 P to 1 st before wrapped st, w&t. Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 8 sts have been wrapped on each side of heel—9 unwrapped sts rem in center.



25/26 sts

stitch key

- k on rs, p on ws
- ⊗ yo
- ⊗ k2tog
- ⊗ ssk
- no stitch
- ⊗ k1tbl

Next row K9, [k next st tog with wrap] 8 times. Work 1 rnd as foll: K25, k1 tbl, k25, [k next st tog with wrap tbl] 8 times, k16, ssk, turn.

make the heel flap

(**Note** the heel flap is worked back and forth, decreasing the gusset sts on each side.)

• *Next row (WS)* Sl 1, p23, p2tog, turn.

Row 1 Sl 1, k2tog, k9, yo, k1tbl, yo, k9, [ssk] twice, turn.

Row 2 Sl 1, p11, p1tbl, p11, p2tog, turn.

Rep rows 1 and 2 until 52 sts rem, rep row 1 once more but do not turn—51 sts.

make the leg

• Resume working in the round. Cont working chart over instep sts as established.

Next rnd Work chart row 14, k2tog, k11, k1tbl, k12—50 sts.

Next rnd Work chart row 15 over instep sts and chart row 13 over back of leg—54 sts. Cont to work chart as established over front and back of sock.

When rnd 24 is complete on front of sock, work in St st until rnd 24 is complete on back of sock. Knit 4 rnds.

make the cuff

• *Rnd 1* *Yo, k3, ssk; rep from * around.

Rnd 2 *K1, yo, k2, ssk; rep from * around.

Rnd 3 *K2, yo, k1, ssk; rep from * around.

Rnd 4 *K3, yo, ssk; rep from * around.

Rep rnds 1–4 once more. Bind off.

finish the sock

• Graft toe sts tog. Block lightly. ♥

20. blossom-top socks



stuff

• 1 skein each in #2047 Off-White/Blue Twist (A) and #2003 Cherry Red Fortissima Socka by Skacel Collection, Inc., 3¹/₂oz/100g skeins, each approx 426yd/390m (wool/nylon)

• One set (5) size 1 (2.25mm) double-pointed needles, or 2 size 1 (2.25mm) circular needles OR SIZE TO GET THE GAUGE

• 2 different stitch markers (markers #1 and #2)

Sized for adult woman and shown on page 44.

the measurements

Circumference (around foot) approx 8"/20.5cm

the gauge

36 sts and 47 rnds to 4"/10cm over St st. BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

stitch glossary

Kf-b Inc 1 st by knitting into the front and back of the next st.

short row wrapping

 (wrap and turn—w & t)

See pattern #19.

note

Slip all stitches purlwise wyib.

make the garter stitch toe

• With A, cast on 14 sts to 1 needle. Knit 28 rows (14 garter ridges on each edge).

*Slide a needle through edge loop of each ridge on side adjacent to working yarn—a total of 14 picked up sts. K those 14 sts.

Rep from * on cast-on edge and final side—56 sts.

make the foot

• Knit even until measurement of sock from toe is 4³/₄"/12cm less than desired length of completed foot.

arch expansion

• *Set-up rnd* (The next 28 sts are sole sts; rem 28 sts are instep sts) K7, pm #1, k13, pm #2, k36.

Rnd 1 K to 1 st before marker #1, kf-b, sl marker #1, k to marker #2, sl marker #2, kfb, k to end of rnd.

Rnd 2–3 Knit. Rep rnds 1–3 until there are 82 sts. Rep rnd 1 once more—84 sts.

Next rnd K14, place next 28 sts on one needle for heel turn.

turn the heel (worked back and forth in short rows on 28 sts)

• *Row 1* K26 w&t.

Row 2 P24, w&t.

Row 3 K to st before wrapped st, w&t.

Row 4 P to st before wrapped, w&t.

Rep last 2 rows 5 times more, ending with a WS row—7 wrapped sts each side, 12 unwrapped sts in center of heel.

Row 15 K12, k next 6 sts tog with wraps, k next st tog with wrap and final st on needle, turn.

Row 16 Sl 1, p18, p next 6 sts tog with wraps, p next st tog with wrap and final st on needle—26 heel sts rem.

make the heel

• Move 18 "wing" sts from each end of instep to adjacent ends of heel turn needle—28 sts on instep needle, 54 sts on heel needle(s). (**Note** Heel is worked back and forth on center 26 sts with a dec at the end of each row, which joins the edges of the heel to the wings)

Row 1 Sl 1, k24, ssk, turn.

Row 2 Sl 1, p24, p2tog, turn.

Rep rows 1 and 2 until 30 sts rem on heel needle(s).

Next rnd Sl 1, k24, ssk, k30, k2tog, k12—56 sts.

Pm for new beg of rnd (center back). K 2 rnds.

make the ankle

• *Rnd 1* K1, kf-b, *k2, p1; rep from * to end.—57 sts.

Rnds 2–20 *k2, p1; rep from * to end. Knit 1 rnd.

Next rnd [K19, M1] 3 times—60 sts. Cut A. Join B and k 2 rnds.

make the leg

• *Rnd 1* *[K2tog] twice, [yo, k1] 4 times, [ssk] twice; rep from * to end.

Rnds 2 and 3 Knit.

Rnd 4 *K2tog, k1, [yo, k1] 6 times, k1, ssk; rep from * to end—80 sts.

Rnds 5 and 6 Knit.

Rnd 7 *[K2tog] twice, k1, [yo, k1] 6 times, k1, [ssk] twice; rep from * to end—90 sts.

Rnds 8 and 9 Knit.

Rnd 10 *[K2tog] 3 times, [yo, k1] 6 times, [ssk] 3 times; rep from * to end. Rep rnds 8–10 4 times more.

finish the sock

• Purl 3 rnds. Bind off as foll: K2tog, *k1, sl both sts back to LH needle and k2tog tbl; rep from * to end. Fasten off. ♥

21. poppy socks



stuff

• 2 hanks in #2229 Poppy of KPM by Koigu Wool Designs, 1³/₄oz/50g hanks (each approx 175yd/160m, (merino wool))

• One set (5) size 1 (2.25 mm) double-pointed needles OR SIZE TO GET THE GAUGE

• Stitch markers

Sized for adult woman. Shown on page 45.



the measurements

- Circumference** (around foot) approx 8"/20.5cm
Height (top of cuff to bottom of heel) approx 9½"/24cm
Length of foot (heel to toe) approx 9½"/24cm

the gauge

32 sts and 48 rnds to 4"/10cm over St st, using size 1 (2.25mm) needles.
BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

short row wrapping (wrap and turn—w & t)

See pattern # 19.

the tubular bind-off

- 1) Cut yarn leaving a tail approx 3 times the circumference of the ribbing and thread through tapestry needle.
- 2) * Insert needle knitwise into 1st (knit) st and pull through, dropping st off dpn.
- 3) Skipping purl st, insert needle purlwise into next knit st, pull yarn through, keeping it loose.
- 4) Insert needle purlwise into 1st purl st, dropping it off the dpn.
- 5) Bring yarn between the first 2 sts on needle, going around the back of the 1st (knit) st, and insert knitwise through the 2nd (purl) st. Pull yarn through without dropping st. Rep from * (step 2) until all sts have been bound off.

Note For tubular bind-off in the round, the first time working steps 2 and 4, sl sts to end of rnd. End with step 5, re-working last 2 sts.

make the toe

- With 1 dpn, cast on 9 sts. With 2nd dpn, pick up and k 9 sts from cast-on edge—18 sts.

Shape toe as foll, redistributing sts onto 3 or 4 dpns:

Rnd 1 Pm for beg of rnd, k1, M1, k7, M1, k1, pm, k1, M1, k7, M1, k1—22 sts.

Rnd 2 K around.

Rnd 3 [K1, M1, k to st before 2nd marker, M1, k1] twice—26 sts. Rep last 2 rnds until there are 66 sts.

make the foot

beg chart

- **Next rnd** Work 33 sts of chart (for instep), k to end of rnd. Cont to work 14 rnds of chart over instep sts and St st (k every rnd) over sole sts until sock measures 3½"/9cm less than desired length of foot.

shape the gusset

- **Rnd 1** Work in pat to 2nd marker, k13, M1, pm, k7, M1, k to end of rnd—68 sts.
 - Rnd 2** Cont pat to 2nd marker, k to end of rnd.
 - Rnd 3** Cont in pat to 2nd marker, k to next marker, M1 before marker, k7, M1, k to end of rnd—70 sts.
- Rep last 2 rounds twice more—74 sts.

make the heel

- **Set-up row** Drop marker, work instep sts in pat to next marker, drop marker. Place the 33 instep sts on hold.

Move rem 41 sts to one dpn (for heel), dropping last marker.

Heel is worked back and forth in short rows as foll:

Row 1 (RS) K40, w&t.

Row 2 P39, w&t.

Row 3 K to st before wrapped st, w&t.

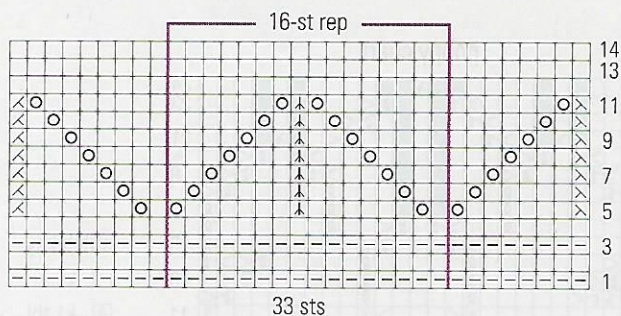
Row 4 P to st before wrapped st, w&t. Rep last 2 rows 14 times more, ending with a WS row—16 wrapped sts on each side, 9 unwrapped sts in center of heel.

Next row (RS) K to first wrapped st, pick up wrap and knit it together with st, w&t (next st is now double-wrapped).

Next row P to first wrapped st, pick up wrap and purl it together with st, w&t (next st is now double-wrapped).

Rep last 2 rows 14 times more, picking up both wraps, ending with a WS row—1 wrapped st on each side, 39 unwrapped sts in center of heel.

Next row (RS) K to wrapped st, pick up wraps and knit it together with st. Do not w&t.



stitch key

- | | |
|------|---------|
| □ k | ⊗ k2tog |
| ▢ p | ⊗ ssk |
| ⊙ yo | ⊗ S2KP |

decrease for the ankle

- Resume working in the round. Pm for beg of rnd, work in established pat for instep across held sts, pm, pick up wraps from first heel st and work it together with st, k16, pm, k to end of rnd.

Next (dec) rnd Work to 2 sts before 3rd marker, k2tog, k7, ssk, k to end of rnd.

Next rnd Work even in pat.

Repeat last 2 rounds until 64 sts rem.

Work even until next chart rnd 14 of chart is complete over instep, drop 2nd marker, k to 3rd marker, drop marker, k11, pm for new beg of rnd (drop rem marker).

make the leg

- Cont to work in the round, working 16-st chart rep 4 times around leg.

Work 14-row rep of chart 4 times more.

Then work rounds 1–4 once.

make the cuff

- *K1 tbl, p1; rep from * until ribbing measures 1"/2.5cm.

Bind off loosely in pattern or using tubular bind-off. ♥

22. miele socks



stuff

- 2 hanks in Butterscotch of Shepherd Sock by Lorna's Laces, 2oz/57g hanks, each approx 215yd/197m (superwash wool/nylon)
- One set (5) size 0 (2mm) double-pointed needles **OR SIZE TO GET THE GAUGE**
- Cable needle, stitch marker

Sized to fit woman's average (wide) foot widths. Shown in average on page 45.

the measurements

- Circumference** Approx 7½ (8)"/19 (20.5)cm
Height (from cuff to top of heel) approx 6¾"/17cm
Length (toe to heel) Approx 10¼"/26cm

the gauge

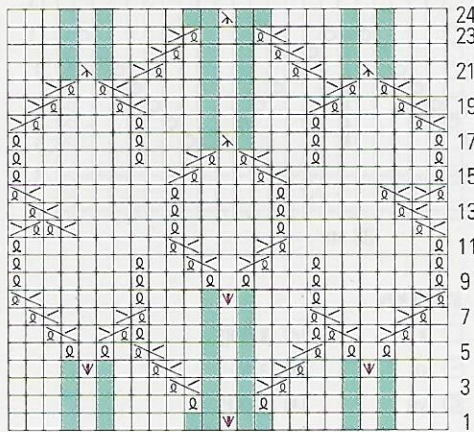
36 sts and 48 rnds to 4"/10 cm over St st using size 0 (2mm) dpns.
BE SURE TO GET THE GAUGE.

stitch glossary

2-st RBC Sl 1 st to cn and hold to *back*, k1 tbl, k1 from cn.

2-st LBC Sl 1 st to cn and hold to *front*, k1, k1 tbl from cn.

poppy chart



17–19–25 sts

stitch key

- k
- ⊗ k1 tbl
- ⊗ 2-st RBC
- ⊗ 2-st LBC
- ▽ kYoK
- ⊗ SK2P
- no stitch

kYoK K1, yo, k1 in same st.

SK2P Sl 1 st knitwise, k2tog, pass the slipped st over.

make the cuff

• With size 0 (2mm) dpns, loosely cast on 66 (72) sts.

Divide sts evenly on 4 dpns, pm and join, being careful not to twist sts. *K3, p3; rep from * for 19 rnds or until piece measures 1½"/4 cm from beg.

make the leg

• Knit 5 rnds.

Next rnd Make a Vikkel Braid as foll: M1, place this stitch onto LH needle, *bring the RH needle behind the LH needle, k the 2nd st on LH needle tbl, then k the first st and slip both stitches off, place st just made onto LH needle; rep from * to end of rnd, slip last st over the first st of next rnd. Knit 2 rnds.

beg poppy chart

(Note) while working the poppy chart the stitch count changes from 17 to 19 to 25 sts and then back again.)

• **Next rnd** K8 (10), work poppy chart over the next 17 sts, k16 (19), work poppy chart over the next 17 sts, k8 (9). In this manner, work rnds 1–24 of the poppy chart once.

Knit 3 rnds.

Next rnd Make a Vikkel Braid as before. Knit 2 rnds.

beg oranges chart

(Note) while working the oranges chart the stitch count changes from 27 to 31 to 35 sts and back again)

• **Next rnd** K3 (5), work oranges chart over the next 27 sts, k6 (9), work oranges chart over the next 27 sts, k3 (4).

In this manner, work rnds 1–18 of the oranges chart once.

Then, maintaining 6 (9) sts between the oranges chart stitches, work rnds 19–24 over dpns 1 and 2 (heel dpns), and rnds 7–12 over dpns 3 and 4 (instep dpns). End with rnd 24 over dpns 1 and 2, and rnd 12 over dpns 3 and 4.

make the heel

heel flap

• The heel is worked back and forth in rows over 33 (36) sts as foll:

Set-up row K33 (36), turn. Sl 1, p32 (35) onto 1 dpn, turn.

Row 1 (RS) Sl 1, k32 (35). **Row 2** Sl 1, purl to end. Rep rows 1 and 2 12 (14) times more or until heel flap measures approx 2¼ (2¾)"/5.5cm (6.5) cm.

turn the heel

• Work short rows as foll:

Row 1 (RS) Sl 1, k18 (19), ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2 (WS) Sl 1, p6 (5), p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3 Sl 1, knit to 1 st before gap on prev row, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4 Sl 1, purl to 1 st before gap on prev row, p2tog, p1, turn.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked, omitting k1 and p1 at end of last 2 rows—19 (20) heel sts rem.

shape the gusset

• **Next rnd (RS facing)** Sl 1, k18 (19); with working needle, pick up and knit 14 (16) sts along edge of heel flap; over dpns 3 and 4 (instep sts) k3 (5), work rnd 13 of oranges chart, k3 (4); with free dpn, pick up and k 14 (16) sts along edge of heel flap, k first 10 heel sts—47 (52) sole sts total.

Work even across dpn 2; over dpns 3 and 4, k3 (5), work rnd 14 of oranges chart, k3 (4).

Rnd 1 Dpn 1: k1, ssk, knit to end; dpn 2: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; dpns 3 and 4: cont instep pat—45 (50) sole sts rem.

Rnd 2 Dpns 1 and 2: knit; dpns 3 and 4 cont instep pat. Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 33 (36) sole sts rem.

make the foot

• Work sole sts even in St st, and rep rnds 7–18 only of the oranges chart for the instep, until foot measures approx 8"/20.5 cm from back of heel, or 2¼"/5.5 cm less than desired length from heel to toe, ending with rnd 18 of the oranges chart.

Cont working sole in St st, and work rnds 19–24 of the oranges chart once over the instep—66 (72) sts.

make the toe

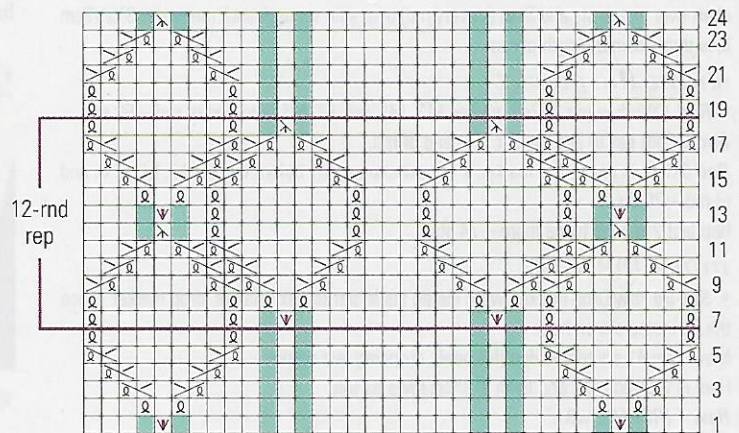
• **Rnd 1** Dpn 1: k1, ssk, knit to end; dpn 2: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; dpn 3: k1, ssk, knit to end; dpn 4: knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Rnd 2 Knit. Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until 34 (36) sts remain. Rep Rnd 1 until 10 (12) sts remain.

finish the sock

• Move sts on dpns 1 and 2 to 1 dpn, and sts on dpns 3 and 4 to another dpn. Cut yarn, leaving a 12"/30.5 cm tail. Graft toe sts tog. ♥

oranges chart



27–31–35 sts

stitch key

- k
- ⊗ k1 tbl
- ⊗ 2-st RBC
- ⊗ 2-st LBC
- ▽ kYoK
- ⊗ SK2P
- no stitch