

## **Snowflake Lace Socks**

After become obsessed with knitting socks, I quickly realized that as much as I like knitting with the stripe-y, variegated sock yarns, I'm just not a multi-colored sock wearer. I prefer plain colored socks, and to make them more fun to knit, lace is my thing. After knitting quite a few different lace socks, I decided to take an established lace pattern and use it to make a sock.

These socks use a 12-row lace pattern that looks complicated but really is not! The lace pattern is the Snowflake pattern from "99 Knit Stitches" and was adapted to allow knitting in the round. This sock uses a stockinette stitch heel, but you can substitute a reinforced heel if you choose.

These socks make great gifts, or keep a pair for yourself!

### **Melanie Berney**

#### **Difficulty Level**

Advanced

#### **Materials needed**

Lorna's Laces Shepherd Sock [80% superwash wool, 20% nylon; 215 yd/196 m per 50g skein]; color: Natural; 2 skeins

1 set(s) US #2/2.75mm double-point needles

Tapestry needle

#### **Yarn substitutes**

Knitpicks Essential sock yarn

#### **Sizes**

Women's shoe size 8

#### **Gauge**

32 sts/48 rows = 10 cm (4 inches) stockinette stitch



### **Heel Flap**

Slide N2 sts onto N1 (26 sts).

Work heel flap using N1.

Row 1 [RS]: Sl 1, k to end.

Row 2 [WS]: Sl 1, p to end.

Repeat these two rows 16 times (32 rows).

### **Turn Heel**

Row 1 [RS]: K15, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, k8, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, k10, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, p11, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 9: Sl 1, k12, ssk, k1. Turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, p13, p2tog, p1. Turn.

16 sts remain.

### **Gussets**

K heel sts but do not turn. Using N1, pick up 16 st along the side of the heel flap, and 1 st in the gap between the heel flap and N2 (33 sts).

N2: K next 26 sts.

N3: Using empty needle, pick up and k 1 st in the gap between the instep sts and the heel flap, and 16 st along the side of the heel flap (17 sts).

K 8 sts from the heel onto N3.

(N1: 25 sts

N2: 26 sts

N3: 25 sts)

Round 1:

N1: Work to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1.

N2: Resume snowflake pattern with row 1.

N3: K1, ssk, work to end.

Round 2:

N1: Knit

N2: Snowflake pattern (this should be a knit row)

N3: Knit

Repeat these 2 rnds until there are 52 sts remaining.

(N1: 13

N2: 26

N3: 13)

### **Foot**

Work as above, omitting decreases, until the foot measures 19cm/7.5 inches from the back of the heel (or 4cm/1.5 inches less than the desired foot length).

## **Toe**

Round 1:

N1: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

N2: K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (Do not work snowflake pattern on toe.)

N3: K1, ssk, k to end.

Round 2:

K to end on all needles.

Repeat these two rnds until 20 sts remain.

N1: 5 sts

N2: 10 sts

N3: 5 sts

K sts from N1 onto N3. You now have 10 sts on each of 2 needles.

## **Finishing**

Graft sts tog using Kitchener st.

## **About the Designer**

Melanie learned to knit when she was about 6 or 7, and has been knitting off and on (sometimes "off" longer than "on") ever since. In the past few years, especially after her daughter was born, she has knit ~~obsessively~~ consistently and looks forward to meetings with the Richmond Stitch 'n Bitch group. Visit her blog at [www.gofeltyourself.com](http://www.gofeltyourself.com). Melanie lives in Richmond, VA with her husband, two daughters, two cats, and more yarn than she cares to admit. Email her at [piano65@gmail.com](mailto:piano65@gmail.com).