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CAR FIENDERY

This month's theme, Greenery, is a twist on the traditional holiday season palette, with brighter reds, softer greens, and interesting new textures.







The Membership Yarns

Mittens (Energize Me)

MEMBERSHIP CRATE

This month marks the return of one of our favorite yarns from the past year, Lofti DK (previously known as Aloft DK). This chainette-plied yarn is 48% Merino Wool, 32% Cotton, and 20% Baby Alpaca, with a super soft hand and 274 yds (251 m) per skein. (\$24 USD each). **SOCK CRATE** Uru.Yarn's popular Scoot Sock returns for another round in December, too! This nonsuperwash sock yarn is ultra-luscious, with 70% Merino Wool, 20% Alpaca and 10% Nylon. Make some heirloom-worthy socks with 400 yds (366 m) per skein. (\$24 USD each).

The Sock Yarns

Berry Bright (Energize Me)

Silver Bells (All Natural)

Garland (Chill Out)



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Fireside Socks

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Wildberry Scarf by Hollie Gesaman





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Wildberry Scarf by Hollie Gesaman

HOOKS: US size I/9 (5.5 mm) hook

YARN: Vidalana Lofti DK, 48% Merino Wool, 32% Organic Pima Cotton, 20% Baby Alpaca, 274 yds (250 m) / 100 g, 480 (548) yards (439 (501) m) used / 1.75 (2) skeins

COLORWAY: Firewood

NOTIONS: tapestry needle, measuring tape, faux fur pom poms (2; optional)

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

GAUGE: It is not necessary to meet any particular gauge to complete this pattern.

FINISHED SIZE: Width: 5.5 inches (14 cm) **LENGTH:** Until desired size with target lengths suggested in pattern.

SAMPLE SIZE: Sample scarf with

ABBREVIATIONS: Ch: Chain Dc: Double crochet FO: Fasten off Prev: Previous Puff: Puff stitch Rem: Remains Rep: Repeat Sc: Single Crochet Sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together Sk: Skip St/s: Stitch/stitches

YO: Yarn over

tapered ends measures 75 inches (190 cm) in length.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES:

PUFF STITCH (PUFF): *YO, insert into stitch and pull up a large loop. Rep from * twice. 7 loops on hook. YO and pull through all 7 loops. Ch1 to close puff.

SINGLE CROCHET 2 TOGETHER (SC2TOG): Insert hook into st and pull up a loop. Insert hook into next st and pull up another loop. 3 loops on hook. YO and pull through all 3 loops.

Instructions

Ch26

Row 1: Working into the back bumps of each ch across, sc in the second ch from hook, *ch3, puff in next, sk2, sc. Rep from * across. Turn.

Row 2: Ch3 and puff in first sc. *(sc, ch3, puff) in next ch3 space. Rep from * across. Dc in last sc. Turn.

Row 3: Ch3 and puff in first dc. *(sc, ch3, puff) in next ch3 space. Rep from * until one ch3 rem. (This will be the ch3/puff you started the prev row with). Dc in the top ch of the last ch3.

The first 3 rows charted out. (Chart on pg 13.)

Row 4-on: Rep row 3 until scarf reaches desired length. (See sample size chart below.) If straight edges are desired, FO. If tapered edges are desired, do NOT FO. Proceed to tapered edge instructions.

Sizes	Inches / Centimeters
Child	40 / 102
Short Adult	50 / 127
Medium Adult	60 / 152
Extra-long Adult	70 / 178

TAPERED EDGE

You will NOT be counting the turning ch as a st. Please make your first sc of each row in the same st where you made your ch.

Row 1: Sc 20 times evenly across side of the scarf. Ch1, turn. Note: If you put a sc in every puff, ch, and sc, you will end up with way too many stitches! (20 sts)

Row 2: Sc, sc2tog. Sc until 3 sts rem. Sc2tog, sc. Ch1, turn. (18 sts)

Row 3-7: Rep row 2. (8 sts)

Row 8: Sc, sc2tog. Ch2, sk2, sc2tog (small loop to attach pom pom created). Sc in last st. FO.

Re-attach yarn to opposite end of scarf and repeat instructions.

FINISHING

Weave in any loose ends

Optional: attach pom poms to ch2 spaces.

Blocking is not required but my be done if desired.

CHART

Symbol Key





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NEEDLES: US size 7 (4.5 mm) straight knitting needles, US size 9 (5.5mm) straight knitting needles **YARN:** Vidalana Lofti DK, 48% Merino Wool, 32% Organic Pima Cotton, 20% Baby Alpaca, 274 yds (250 m) / 100 g, 410 yards (375 m) used / 2 skeins needed

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COLORWAY: Mistletoe

NOTIONS: Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends)

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

GAUGE: 20 Stitches x 27 rounds = 4" (10 cm) on smaller needles in 2x2 rib

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

ABBREVIATIONS k: knit k2tog: knit two together p: purl st(s): stitch(es) yo: yarn over

TOP AND BOTTOM BANDS (FOLDED FLAT): 4.5" (11.5 cm) RIBBING: 1.5" (3.8 cm)

FULL LENGTH: 26" (66 cm)

To fit the top band, cast on the first 44sts and work 5 rows in 2x2 ribbing (k2, p2). Bind off and wrap it around above your knee, this should be snug (it will loosen up a bit as you begin to work the pattern). If it is too tight/loose, increase/decrease by 4 st increments. The pattern from that point remains the same.

NOTES: Even rows are the right side and odd rows are the wrong side.

Instructions

To begin, with US 7 (4.5mm) needles cast on 44 stitches.

Row 1-10: Work ribbing *k2, p2* repeat to end

Change to US 9 (5.5mm) needles.

Row 11: K1, **yo, k2tog* repeat to last st, yo, k1

Row 12: Knit across row

Row 13: K2, *yo, k2tog* repeat to last 2 sts, k2

Row 14: Knit across row

Repeat rows 11 -14 until length of work is 24in. (61 cm)

BEGIN UPPER RIBBING

Change to US 7 (4.5 mm) needles and work ribbing *k2, p2* repeat to end. Continue in ribbing stitch pattern for next 9 rows and bind off, leaving 30" (76 cm) tail.

To finish, fold work in half lengthwise with wrong side facing out and sew along the seam. When finished, turn leg warmer right side out. Blocking may be helpful to keep the seam from twisting but isn't necessary.



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Holly Socks

by Lauren Gates



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NEEDLES: US Size 1 (2.25mm size) – circular needle with 24" / 60 cm cable suitable for magic loop

YARN: Uru.Yarn Scoot Sock, 70% Extra fine Merino, 20% Baby Alpaca, 10% Nylon, 400 yards (366 Meters) / 100g, 1 skein used for this project

COLORWAY: Silver Bells

NOTIONS LIST: tapestry needle for weaving in ends, stitch markers (2) **SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate

GAUGE (UNBLOCKED): 36 stitches & 48 rounds = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch

FINISHED SIZE

SIZES: S (M, L)

TO FIT FOOT WIDTH: 9" (10", 11") / 23 (25.5, 28) cm

SAMPLE SIZE: The sample was knitted in size small, to fit a 9" (23 cm) foot width.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

1/1 RC (RT): 1x1 cable with right leaning stitch in front: To cross the right stitch over the left stitch; insert your needle knitwise through next two stitches on the needle as if to k2tog, and slip onto the right needle. Slip each stitch back onto the left needle separately. Knit these two stitches. 1/1 LC (LT): 1x1 cable with left leaning stitch in front: Slip 2 stitches knitwise. To transfer

ABBREVIATIONS:

k: knit

kfb: knit into the front and back of the stitch. **k2tog:** knit 2 stitches together **k3tog:** knit 3 stitches together **LLI:** left leaning increase N: needle **p:** purl **p3tog:** purl 3 stitches together **psso:** pass slipped stitch over **RLI:** right leaning increase rm: remove marker **sl:** slip stitch w&t: wrap and turn yo: yarn over sl: slip stitch **ssk:** slip slip knit

these stitches back to the left needle and to cross the left stitch over the right; insert the left needle through both of slipped stitches beginning with the right-most stitch. Knit these two stitches.

1/1 RPC: 1x1 cable with right leaning knit stitch in front, and purl behind.To cross the right stitch over the left stitch; insert your needle knitwise through next two stitches on the needle as if to k2tog, and slip onto the right needle. Slip each stitch back onto the left needle separately. Knit 1, purl 1.

1/1 LPC: 1x1 cable with right leaning knit stitch in front, and purl behind. Slip 2 stitches knitwise. To transfer these stitches back to the left needle and to cross the left stitch over the right; insert the left

needle through both of slipped stitches beginning with the right-most stitch. Purl 1, knit 1.

RLI: lift the stitch below the next stitch on your left needle, onto your left needle ready to knit. Knit this stitch.

LLI: lift the stitch which is two stitches below the stitch you have just knitted on your right needle. Place this on your left needle. Knit the lifted stitch.

Instructions

Instructions are for knitting using the magic loop method on circular needles. Needle 1 (N1) will hold your instep stitches and needle 2 (N2) will hold the sole stitches.

TOE

Using Judy's Magic Cast On, cast on a total of 20 (24, 28) stitches. 10 (12, 14) per needle.

Round 1: Knit all stitches

Round 2 N1: Kfb, k to 2 stitches before end of needle, kfb, k1; repeat on N2

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there is a total of 56 (64, 72) stitches. 28 (32, 36) on each needle

FOOT

N1: Begin working chart while adding k3 (5, 7) before and after each row of the chart

N2: Knit all stitches

Repeat chart on N1, and stockinette stitch on N2 until your work measures 3.25" (3.75", 4.25") / 8.25 (9.5, 10.8) cm less than your total foot measurement.

GUSSET

Work the following 2 rows of increases on N2, while maintaining Chart pattern on N1 as follows:

Round 1 N1: Maintain chart

Round 1 N2: K1, RLI, k to 1 stitch before end, LLI, k1

Round 2 N1: Maintain chart

Round 2 N2: Knit all stitches

Repeat the 2 rounds above until you have a total of 56 (64, 72) stitches

on N2, which is 14 (16, 18) gusset increases on either side of 28 (32, 36) sole stitches.

End with a Round 2 repeat on N1. You should be ready to work N2.

HEEL SET UP

The heel will be worked back and forth on N2. Place markers to separate your 14 (16, 18) gusset stitches from the 28 (32, 36) heel stitches. These markers will be referred to in the instructions that follow in the heel turn section.

N2 only: Knit to first marker

HEEL TURN

The heel is worked back and forth on the 28 (32, 36) sole stitches only.

Row 1: [K1, Sl1] to 2 stitches before the marker, w&t

Row 2: P to 2 stitches before marker, w&t

Row 3: [Sl1, k1] to 3 stitches before marker, w&t

Row 4: P to 3 stitches before marker, w&t

Row 5: [K1, Sl1] to 4 stitches before the marker, w&t

Row 6: P to 4 stitches before marker w&t

Continue in this manner until you have 10 (12, 14) centre stitches and 7 (9, 10) wrapped stitches, plus 2 stitches.

Work as established to the first wrap (knit the knits and slip the slipped stitches). Lift the wrapped stitch and knit together with the stitch it is wrapped around. Continue to do this until the final remaining wrapped stitch. Knit the stitch, its wrap and the last stitch together as k3tog. Turn.

Sl1, P to the first wrap. Lift the wrapped stitch and purl together with the stitch it is wrapped around. Continue to do this until the final remaining wrapped stitch, purl the stitch, its wrap and the last stitch together as P3tog. Turn.

You should now have 26 (30, 34,) sole stitches, 2 fewer than when you started.

HEEL FLAP

Continue working on N2 only.

Row 1: Sl1, work as established to 1 stitch before the first marker. Ssk stitches on either side of marker. Remove marker while working stitch, pm after ssk. turn.

Row 2: Sl1, p to 1 stitch before marker, rm, p2tog, pm, turn.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 2 stitches after each marker ending on a wrong side row. 30 (34, 38) stitches.

Work an additional Row 1, but instead of turning work, k1, then continue working in the round and continue working chart on N1. 57, (65, 73) total stitches.

N2: K1, ssk, k to end.

LEG

Return to working chart on N1 and stockinette stitch on N2 in the round. Work until your desired height and end on a chart round 8 on N1.

CUFF

Work 1x1 rib for fourteen rounds.

Cast off in rib using your preferred method for a stretchy finish.

CHART



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Fireside Socks

by Brenda K. B. Anderson



HOOK: Size B/1 (2.25 mm) hook

NOTIONS LIST: tapestry needle, stitch markers (5)

YARN: Uru. Scoot Sock, 70% Extra Fine Merino, 20% Baby Alpaca, 10% Nylon, fingering weight, 400 yds (366 m) / 100 g, 1 skein used for this project (all sizes)

COLORWAY: Berry Bright

SKILL LEVEL: Advanced

GAUGE

NOTE: Checking your gauge is very important. If your gauge swatch is larger than the gauge given, you may run out of yarn. Since making the Back Ankle/Gusset, and the Bottom/Sole of Sock sections of the sock would take about the same amount of time as it would to crochet a 4" x 4" (10 x 10cm) square, follow the directions for the sock and check your measurements as you go.

CHECKING GAUGE: Follow the directions for the Back Ankle/Gusset through to the end of that section, but before you fasten off, check your measurements. You should have a trapezoid that measures 3" (7.5 cm) (across the ribbed top edge) x 4.75" (12 cm) across the bottom edge x 4.75" (12 cm) tall (3.5" (9 cm) tall for Large & Extra Large Sizes).

To check gauge for sc section, follow directions for Bottom/Sole of

ABBREVIATIONS:

Ch: chain

Blo: back loop only Hdc: half double crochet Hdc2tog: half double crochet 2 together hdcbb: half double crochet through the back bar Hdc2togbb: half double crochet two stitches together through the back bar Rs: right side Sc: single crochet Sl st: slip stitch St(s): stitch(es) Ws: wrong side Yo: yarn over Sock through the last row. Check measurements. You should have a trapezoid that measures 3.25" (8 cm) across the toe edge of sock, 5" (12.5 cm) across opposite edge (heel opening edge) and 4.5" (11.5 cm) long (from toe edge to heel edge).

NOTE: If you prefer to make a more traditional square gauge swatch to check gauge, use the following information. Please note that you will need to unravel your swatches in order to have enough yarn to complete your project.

27 sts & 31 rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc worked in turned rows.

SIZE / MEASUREMENTS / DIMENSIONS SOCKS ARE WRITTEN FOR 4 FOOT LENGTHS: S (M, L, XL). Foot length of socks measure 8 (8.5, 9, 9.5)" (20.5 (21.5, 23, 24) cm) but can be customized to any length. These socks are stretchy and fit best if sock measures .5 to 1" (1.25 to 2.5 cm) shorter than the actual foot measurement. Sample shown measures 6.75" (17 cm) in circumference around ankle, has sole measuring 8.5" (21.5 cm) from corner of heel to tip of toe, and measures 6.5" (16.5 cm) from corner of heel to top edge of ribbed cuff.

Socks measure 6.75" (17 cm) in circumference around ankle and 7" (18 cm) in circumference around foot (not including gussets which increase in circumference as you get closer to the heel). Sock will stretch about 5" (12.5 cm) in circumference to be able to fit over your heel. These socks are quite stretchy and will accommodate a wide foot as written. Notes for making a narrower sock are included within pattern.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A LONGER FOOT: For the two largest sizes of this pattern, you will need to crochet a sock with a shorter leg length in order to have enough yarn for a longer foot. Directions for size L and XL both include this modification. If you have purchased extra yarn, you can of course make a L or XL sock with the longer leg length.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES & STITCHES

HDCBB: Half double crochet through the back bar (worked in the round). This is just a regular hdc st made into the back bar of the previous round of sts. The back bar is the horizontal dash on the WS of a hdc st situated about halfway between the top and bottom of the stitch. When you work into this stitch, you will slide your hook through the bar from top to bottom (in a downward motion).

HDC2TOGBB: Half double crochet two stitches together through the back bar (worked in the round). This is a hdc decrease stitch worked into the back bars of the next 2 sts. Yo, insert your hook (in a downward motion) through the back bar of next stitch, insert your hook through the back bar of the following stitch, yo and pull up loop (pulling just through the two back bars), yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTES

SHORT ROWS: In this pattern we work back in forth in short rows to add shaping for heel. This means that you work a few specified stitches, then you make a turning chain, and turn your work, and then you make a few more stitches, make a turning chain, turn your work, etc. This can create a stair-step appearance along an edge. This is normal and at times you will be instructed to work along the stair-step edge. This means that as you work along an edge, you may get to the edge of a step, and if you are required to work more stitches before turning your work you will work them into the stitches on the step above or below. THE **BOTTOM OF THE CHAIN:** This is also known as the back, backside, or bottom ridge loop of a chain stitch. This is the part of the chain stitch that is **opposite** of the two loops that form the "v" that you would normally insert your hook under. If you turn the chain upside down, you will see a line of dashes. Insert your hook under this dash if you are instructed to crochet into the bottom of each chain stitch.

Instructions

Make 2 (right and left socks worked the same)

BACK ANKLE/GUSSET

Ch 37 (37, 29, 29).

Work Short row series as follows:

Beginning with the 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, hdc in next 2 chains, sl st in next 2 chains, ch 1; turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1; turn, sl st blo next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts hdc in the next 2 chains, sl st in next 2 chains, ch 1; turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 2 sts, ch 1; turn, hdc blo in next 2 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, hdc in the next 2 chains, sl st in next 2 chains, ch 1; turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, hdc in the next 2 chains, sl st in next 2 chains, ch 1; turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn.

Row 1: sl st blo in next 2 sts, (hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in next 4 sts) 3 (3, 2, 2) times, hdc in next 10 sts -36 (36, 28, 28) sts. Use st marker to mark 1st row as right side.

Row 2: hdc blo in next 10 sts, (sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 3 (3, 2, 2) times, sl st blo in next 2 sts.

Row 3: ch 1, turn, hdc blo in next 2 sts (sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 3 (3, 2, 2) times, sl st blo in next 10 sts.

Row 4: ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 10 sts, (hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts) 3 (3, 2, 2) times, hdc blo in next 2 sts.

Repeat Rows 1-4 three more times.

Repeat Rows 1-2.

Work short row series as follows: hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, sl st blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 2 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts. Fasten off.

Place contrast stitch marker in last st made. Set piece aside for now.

BOTTOM/SOLE OF SOCK

Ch 27 (31, 35, 39).

Short Row series for heel gusset: starting with 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, sc in next 4 chains, ch, 1, turn, Sc in next 4 sts, ch 1, turn, Sc in next 4 sts, continuing with foundation chain, sc in next 4 sts, ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts (see note about working short rows), ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts.

Rows 1-24: ch 1, turn, sc across -26 (30, 34, 38) sts.

Work short row series: 1 Sc in next 12 sts, ch, 1, turn, Sc in next 12 sts, ch 1, turn, Sc in next 8 sts, ch 1, turn, Sc in next 8 sts, ch 1, turn, Sc in next 4 sts, ch 1, turn, Sc in next 4 sts.

Last Row: Ch 1. turn, sc in each st across row -26 (30, 34, 38) sts. Do not fasten off.

TOP OF FOOT / FRONT ANKLE



Row 1 (Joining row-joining sole to back ankle-see photo Fig1): Ch 1, turn, hdc blo in next 4 (0, 4, 0) sts, (sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 2 (3, 3, 5) times, sl st blo next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 2 sts, place Back Ankle next to sole with RS facing and contrastmarked stitch ready to be worked into. Continuing with contrast-marked st in Back Ankle piece, hdc blo in each

of next 2 sts, (sl st blo into next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 3 (3, 2, 2) times sl st blo in next 10 sts. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 10 sts, (hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts) 6 (7, 6, 7) times, hdc blo in next 4 (0, 4, 0) sts. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Row 3: ch 1, turn, sl st blo in next 4 (0, 4, 0) sts, (hdc blo in next 4 sts, sl st blo in next 4 sts) 6 (7, 6, 7) times, hdc blo in next 10 sts. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Row 4: Ch 1, hdc blo in next 10 sts, (sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 6 (7, 6, 7) times, sl st blo in next 4 (0, 4, 0) sts. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, hdc blo in next 4 (0, 4, 0) sts, (sl st blo in next 4 sts, hdc blo in next 4 sts) 6 (7, 6, 7) times, sl st blo in next 10 sts. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Repeat Rows 2-5 six more times. **Note:** For narrower sock, repeat Rows 2-5 only 5 more



Repeat Row 2 once more. Do not fasten off. (See Photo Fig 2)

SL STITCH SEAM (SEE PHOTO FIG 3):

Turn as if to work another row (right side is now facing). Fold sock with WS together placing foundation rows of the Bottom of Sock and Back Ankle directly behind last row worked. Slip stitch edges together working through the front loops of the layer in front, and the back loops of the row held behind, beginning at toe edge and ending at the ankle opening of sock. 62 (66, 62, 66) sts

Fasten off. Sl st seam remains on outside of sock.

HEEL (SEE PHOTO FIG 4):

Round 1: Using stitch markers, divide back of heel opening into 2 equal sections and bottom of heel opening into 2 equal sections for a total of 4 sections around heel opening. With toe pointing toward you and the bottom of heel opening ready to be worked into, pull up loop at corner of opening, ch 1 (does not count as a stitch) 18 hdc into each of the next

2 sections across bottom of heel opening, 18 hdc into each of next 2 sections across back of heel opening - 72 hdc around heel opening. Use stitch marker to mark beginning of rounds.

Round 2: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb in next 32 sts, hdc2togbb], twice- 68 sts. Round 3: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 30 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -64 sts. Round 4: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 28 sts, hdc2togbb] twice - 60 sts. Round 5: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 26 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -56 sts. Round 6: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 24 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -52 sts. Round 7: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 22 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -48 sts. Round 8: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 20 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -44 sts. Round 9: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 18 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -40 sts. Round 10: [Hdc2togbb, hdcbb into next 16 sts, hdc2togbb] twice -36 sts. **Round 11:** [Hdc2togbb twice, hdcbb into next 10 sts, hdc2togbb twice] twice -28 sts.

Fasten off leaving 12" (30 cm) tail.

TOE

Hold sock with toe opening up and toe edge of Bottom/sole of Sock ready to be worked into. Using stitch markers and beginning with slip stitch seam, divide toe opening into 4 sections.

Pull up loop in toe opening next to slip stitch seam, beginning by working across bottom/sole opening, ch 1, 12 hdc into each of the 4 sections around sock opening - 24 hdc across the sole, 24 sts across the top of Foot for a total of 48 sts around toe opening.

Note: For narrower sock work only 11 hdc into each of the 4 sections for a total of 44 sts around toe. Work Rounds 2-4 below, then work an extra repeat of Round 2. Omit Round 5, then follow remainder of toe directions beginning with Round 6.

Rounds 2-4: Hdcbb around. 48 sts. Note: Work more or fewer rounds here to lengthen or shorten sock if needed.

Round 5: (Hdc2togbb, hdc into next 20 sts, hdc2tog) twice. 44 sts.

Round 6: Hdcbb around.

Round 7: (Hdc2togbb, hdc into next 18 sts, hdc2tog) twice. 40 sts.

Round 8: Hdcbb around.

Round 9: (Hdc2togbb, hdc into next 16 sts, hdc2tog) twice. 36 sts.

Round 10: (Hdc2togbb, hdc into next 14 sts, hdc2tog) twice. 32 sts.

Round 11: (Hdc2togbb, hdc into next 12 sts, hdc2tog) twice. 28 sts.

Round 12: (Hdc2togbb twice, hdc into next 6 sts, hdc2tog twice) twice. 20 sts. Fasten off leaving 12" (30 cm) tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Using tapestry needle and yarn tails, whip stitch openings in heel and toe closed. Weave in all ends. Block.

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