



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



WATERCOLOR SOCKS

MATERIAL

1 cone Watercolor Sock by Laines du Nord in color 202.
US2/2.75 mm and 3 mm circular needles, thin and flexible 12"/30 cm cable.
Darning needle
Pins
Scissors
Stitch marker

GAUGE

30 sts and 40 rows over 4"/10 cm square in stocking st using US2/2.75 mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) = stitch(es)
k = knit
yo = yarn over
tog = together
rep = repeat
foll = follow(ing)
tbl = through back loop
cont = continue

NOTES

Begin from point and cont. to rib 1/1 band of top piece. To simplify the pattern, we call "needle" every point of circular needle.

SKILL LEVEL: Experienced

SIZE

Suited for 39/40-foot size

STITCHES USED

Stocking stitch, stocking stitch in short rows (German technique), rib 1/1.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using size US2/2.75 mm needles, shape a small loop and place it on one needle, then place one needle on the second one; keep needle with the loop beneath the other one.

Using the tail, cast-on 12 sts on both needles: wrap yarn 12 times (from outside to inside) around 2 needles. Then, using the index finger, grip last wrapping and unthread (forward) the needle below gently (the sts are on the cable), then using this needle and yarn, knit 12 sts into the loops of needle below; to simplify the sliding of the sts, work them loosely. Pull the cable gently and place the needle with 12 knitted sts under needle with 12 loops.

Unthread the needle forward (leaving k12 on cable) and use it to knit 12 sts of needle above. Pair 2 needles again. There are k12 on each needle.

Next row: on both sides, work the increases. Always check the yarn position; it must be on lower needle.

2nd row: unthread the lower needle forward and start working the sts of needle above. Always work the increases after first st and before last st, then k1, yo, k10, yo, k1. Pull the cable to align the needles, turn them placing the knitted st and working yarn under the other needle, then unthread the lower needle forward and k1, yo, k10, yo, k1 on needle above. [= 28 sts]

3rd row: work all sts of both needles in knit st and 4 yo in knit st through back loop.

4th to 15th rows: work like 2nd and 3rd rows, until there are 52 sts after working 15th row (= 4 increases every 2 rows 6 times).

Upper part and sole of sock

Match the sts placing the needle with yarn behind the other needle, unthread the back needle and start working all sts of front needle.

16th to 70th rows (5"/13 cm): work in stocking st the same number of sts (26 sts on each needle.)

To widen the main part of sock before heel shaping, start the increases as follow:

71st row: k26 on 1st needle, and on 2nd needle k1, yo, k24, yo, k1. [54 sts]

72nd row: knit all sts and 2 yo in k-tbl.

73rd row: k26 on 1st needle, and on 2nd needle k1, yo, k1 until last st, then yo and k1 in last st.

74th row: knit all sts and 2 yo in k-tbl.

75th to 94th rows: rep 73rd and 74th row 9 times [at the end of 74th row, there are 26 sts on 1st needle and 52 sts on 2nd needle.]

The 26 sts shape the top part of the sock and 52 sts shape the sides and sole of sock. For heel shaping, cont. working 26 central sts (of the 52 sts-group) and leave the rem sts. Place one stitch marker in 1st and 26th st of heel.

Heel

Work 26 sts of heel in stocking st and short row technique (14 rows); at the end there are 12 sts (like at beginning of the point.) Using 3 mm needles, work 26 sts in stocking st (14 rows); across 1st row, work on 7 sts of first side in short row on rem 12 sts of the heel and on 7 sts of second side in short rows (= 26 sts)

Cont working these 26 sts (14 rows) and across the pattern, at beginning and end of every needle join at edge sts you have left at the end of 94th row: insert the needle into first (or last) st of heel, then insert it into first st (or last) unworked st of the sts you have left across 94th row, then work 2 sts tog. Joining.

After joining the side edges of the heel at first and last 13 sts you haven't work across 94th row, start working in row, using US2/2.75 mm needles.

Leg

Work 52 sts in stocking st (26 sts on 1st needle and 26 sts on 2nd needle) x 102 rows, (9¾"/25 cm approx.)

Band

Using 3 mm needles, work 30 rows rib 1/1 (3¾"/8.5 cm approx.) Bind off all sts.