

Little Pansy Socks



The color of this yarn reminds me of pansies, and so do these socks!! Pansies are the first flowers I plant in the spring, when the weather is warm enough for gardening but still cool enough that many flowers can't be planted yet. The weather is also warm enough to go without wool socks, but cool enough that my toes still get chilly. My Little Pansies are just the thing to keep the toes toasty.

Materials:

- Cascade Fixation, 98% cotton / 2% elastic, 50 grams / 100 yards, one ball - with only three yards left over, so you may want to buy two to be safe (shown in colorway 9518)
- One set double-pointed needles, US4 / 3.5mm
- Tapestry needle

Size: Women's Medium

Gauge: 28 st / 40 rows per 4 inches in stockinette

Cuff:

Cast on 48 sts and divide evenly over three needles, 16 sts per needle. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1 ½ inches.

Heel Flap:

Set up heel flap as follows:

Knit all stitches from Needle 1 and 8 stitches from Needle 2.

Knit remaining needles from Needle 2 and 4 stitches from Needle 3.

Knit remaining stitches from Needle 3.

Stitches are now distributed as follows:

Needle 1 (heel): 24 stitches.

Needle 2 & 3 (instep): 12 stitches each.

Work Eye of the Partridge heel flap on Needle 1 as follows:

Row 1: *S1, K1 repeat from * across. Turn work.

Row 2: S1, purl across. Turn work.

Row 3: S2, *K1, S1 repeat from * to last two stitches, K2. Turn work.

Row 4: S1, purl across. Turn work.

Repeat these four rows five more times, for a total of 24 rows worked.

Turn Heel:

Row 1: S1, K14, K2tog, K1, turn.

Row 2: S1, P1, P2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3: S1, K8, K2tog, K1, turn.

Row 4: S1, P9, P2tog, P1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4, adding 1 more K or P stitch, until all stitches have been worked. 16 stitches remain.

Gusset:

Knit across heel stitches, then pick up 12 slipped flap stitches and two more stitches in the gap. With next needle, knit across all instep stitches. With next needle, pick up two stitches in the gap and 12 slipped flap stitches, then knit across the first 8 heel stitches.

Stitches are now distributed as follows:

Needle 1: 22 stitches.

Needle 2 (instep): 24 stitches.

Needle 3: 22 stitches.

Next round:

Needle 1: K8, K12tbl, K2tog.

Needle 2: K across.

Needle 3: SSK, K12tbl, K8.



Now, knit gusset decreases as follow:

Round 1: Knit all stitches.

Round 2: K to last three stitches on Needle 1, K2tog, K1. Knit all stitches on Needle 2. On Needle 3, K1, SSK, K to end.

Repeat these two rounds until Needle 1 and 3 have 12 stitches each. 48 total stitches.

Foot:

Knit even until foot measures 7 ½ inches (or 1 ½ inches less than desired foot length).

Toe:

Round 1: Knit to last 3 sts on Needle 1, K2tog, K1. On needle 2, K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. On needle 3, K1, ssk, knit to end.

Round 2: Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rounds until 24 stitches remain.

Repeat Round 1 only until 12 stitches remain.

Break yarn and use Kitchener stitch to close the toe. Weave in ends.