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REQUIREMENTS:

YARN: 2-ounces of 3-ply Sock Yarn

NEEDLES: 1-set #2 and 1 set #3 double pointed

GAUGE: 7½ sts to an inch. 10-rounds make an inch.

CUFF: Using the #2 needles, cast on 68 sts loosely. Divide sts among the 3-needles and join being careful not to twist the sts. Work in ribbing of k 2, p 2 for 2 inches. On the last round, decrease to 64 sts. Now change to the #3 needles and knit each round until the piece measures 6 inches in all.

HEEL: With the 4th needle, knit across 16 sts of the 1st needle; slip 16 sts from the 3rd needle onto other end of the 4th needle (you now have 32 sts on the 4th needle). Divide the remaining sts on 2-needles for the instep. Work back and forth over the heel sts as follows: **1st row:** Slip 1, purl across row. **2nd row:** Slip 1, knit across row. Repeat these last 2 rows until the piece measures 2¼-inches, ending with a purl row.

TURNING HEEL: **1st row:** K 18, k 2 tog, k 1, turn; **2nd row:** Slip 1, p 5, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **3rd row:** Slip 1, k 6, k 2 tog, k 1, turn. **4th row:** Slip 1, p 7, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **5th row:** Slip 1, k 8, k 2 tog, k 1, turn. **6th row:** Slip 1, p 9, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **7th row:** Slip 1, k 10, k 2 tog, k 1, turn. **8th row:** Slip 1, p 11, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **9th row:** Slip 1, k 12, k 2 tog, k 1, turn. **10th row:** Slip 1, p 13, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **11th row:** Slip 1, k 14, k 2 tog, k 1, turn. **12th row:** Slip 1, p 15, p 2 tog, p 1, turn. **13th row:** Slip 1, k 16, k 2 tog, turn. **14th row:** Slip 1, p 16, p 2 tog, turn. **15th row:** Knit across the remaining 18 sts on the heel needle.

INSTEP: With a spare needle: **1st needle:** Pick up and knit 16 sts along edge of heel; **2nd needle:** Knit across instep sts. **3rd needle:** Pick up and knit 16 sts along other edge of heel, knit 9 sts from heel needle. Slip the other 9 sts of the heel needle onto the first needle. There are 25 sts on the **1st and 3rd needles** and 32 sts on the **2nd needle**.

SHAPING INSTEP: **1st round:** Knit to within the last 3 sts on the 1st needle, k 2 tog, k 1. Knit across the 2nd needle, (instep sts). **3rd needle:** K 1, slip 1, k 1, pssso, knit to end of needle. **2nd round:** Knit around. Repeat these last 2 rounds until 16 sts remain on each of the 1st and 3rd needles. Now work even, knitting each round until the piece measures 2¼-inches less than length desired.

SHAPING OF TOE: **1st Round:** Knit to within last 3 sts on the 1st needle k 2 tog, k 1. **2nd needle:** K 1, slip 1, k 1, pssso., knit across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **3rd needle:** K 1, slip 1, k 1, pssso., knit to end of round. **2nd Round:** Knit around. Repeat these last 2 rounds until 16 sts remain. With the 3rd needle, knit across sts of the 1st needle, (8 sts on each of the two needles). Break yarn, leaving 20-inches. Weave sts together.