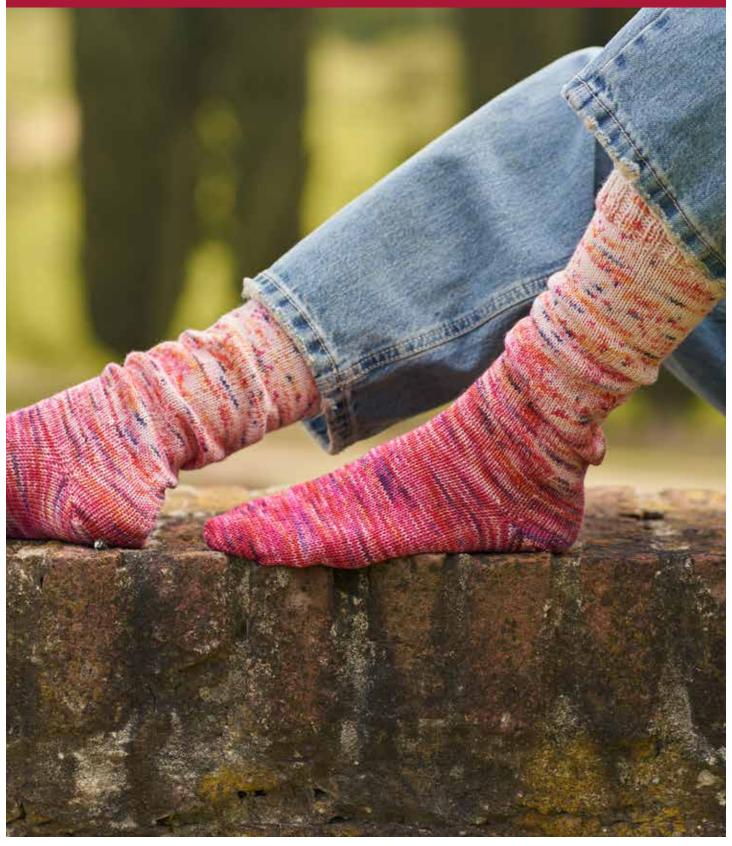


THE COLOR EVOLUTION



PAINT GRADIENT SOCKS

MATERIAL

Paint Gradient Sock by Laines du Nord 2 balls (1 for each sock) in col 18.

Sizes US2/2.75 mm circular needles, with 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

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

st/sts = stitch / stitches

k = knit

r = row/rows

rep = repeat / repeating

p = purl

cont = continue/continuing

foll = follow/following

yo = yarn over

stitch marker = SM

NOTES

Start at the toe tip and working upwards.

To simplify the pattern, we will refer to circular needle as a "needle".

SKILL LEVEL: Experienced

SIZE

Fits foot size US 8.5/9

STITCHES USED

K2/P2 rib in rounds.

Stocking stitch in round: knit every round.

Stocking stitch in rows. RS knit, WS purl.

INSTRUCTIONS

Toe tip cast-on

Use size US2/2.75 mm circular needles.

Make a loop and place on one needle, then holding the two needles side by side pass the yarn around both needles from left to right shaping an eight until there are on 12 sts on the left hand needle and 12 sts on the right hand needle. Do not count the cast on loop.

Working in rounds work the 'magic loop' technique as follows: * push the sts from the cord onto the left hand needle and push the sts on right hand needle onto cord, then knit the sts on left hand needle * repeat from * to *.

1st round: push the sts on right hand needle onto the cord, knit the 12 sts from left hand needle, drop the cast on loop and pull it out as you do not need it anymore, push the 12 sts from cord

onto left hand needle and push the sts from right hand needle onto cord, knit the 12 sts tbl that are now on left hand needle. To mark the end of each round place a SM after the last st you have worked.

Cont in magic loop technique working as follows:

2nd round: K1, yo, K10, yo, K2, yo, K10, yo, K1 (28 sts)

3rd round: Knit all sts knitting through back of loop for the 4 yo.

From the 4th to the 15th round: Rep 2nd and 3rd rounds 6 times more. (52 sts)

(4 increases every 2 rounds, 6 times).

Back and sole of the sock

From the 16th to the 70th round (5"/13cm): work in stocking st. moving the SM as you go.

Heel

On the 26 sts of the heel, work 14 rows in stocking st. using the German short-row technique as follows:

Row 1: K26 sts placing a SM between the 7th and 8th st and between the 19th and 20th st turn as you are working in rows for now.

Row 2: Slip first stitch onto right hand needle, pull yarn up and over the needle this creates a DS (double stitch), bringing yarn back into purl position, purl to end slipping marker, turn.

Row 3: (you are working a DS at the beg of this row also). Slip the first stitch onto right hand needle, as it's a knit row the yarn is at the back of the work so pull yarn up and over the needle and back into the knit position (the has created a DS), knit to end of row slipping markers until you reach the DS, turn. (do not work the DS)

Row 4: Slip the first stitch onto the right hand needle, pull yarn up and over the needle this creates a DS (double stitch), bringing yarn back into purl position, purl to end slipping markers until you reach the DS, turn, (do not work the DS).

Rep the last 2 rows until you have 7 DS on each side and the 12sts in the center between the markers.

Working 1 full round as follows before dec the sts for heel slipping markers as you work.

Next round: K12, then knit across the 7 DS sts taking in both strands and knitting through back of loop, knit the 26sts from front of sock, then knit the 7 DS sts taking in both loops, (do not knit through back of loop).

Next round: Knit to end.

Now working decreases as follows:

Next row: K12, SM, K1, turn.

Next row: Make DS, remove marker, purl to next SM, remove marker purl next st, turn.

Next row: Make DS, knit until you reach DS, knit DS tbl, K1, turn. **Next row:** Make DS, purl until you reach DS, Purl DS, P1, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until the 7 side sts are worked. (52 sts) Cont working in rounds until enough yarn remains for 8 rows of K2 P2 rib.

Work the 8 rows of K2, P2 rib.

Cast off

Use the second ball to make the other sock in the same way.

