

~Liebchen~

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SIZE

Foot circumference: 7.5 inches unstretched, will stretch to 8.5 inches.

MATERIALS

- Rowan 4 ply Cotton [100% cotton; 186 yds/170m per 50g skein]; colour: Flirty (SH 127); 2 skeins
- 2 24-inch US #0/2mm circular needles
- Cable needle, crochet hook (optional), tapestry needle

GAUGE

31 sts/46 rows = 4 inches in stockinette

PATTERN NOTES

C8B: slip the next 4 stitches onto a cable needle, and leave at back of work, knit 4, then knit 4 from the cable needle.

C8F: slip the next 4 stitches onto a cable needle, and leave at front of work, knit 4, then knit 4 from the cable needle.

C2B: slip the next 1 stitch onto a cable needle, and leave at back of work, knit 1, then knit 1 from the cable needle.

C2F: slip the next 1 stitch onto a cable needle, and leave at front of work, knit 1, then knit 1 from the cable needle.

If you prefer to not use a cable needle for the C2F and C2B, directions can be found in the Knitty pattern, [Cablenet](#) and its accompanying [article](#).

1x1 Rib: [K1, P1] repeat as required.

3x1 Rib: [K3, P1] repeat as required.

PYO: (Purl-side YO) With yarn held at back, as if to knit, insert working needle into next stitch to be purled, bring yarn over needle to wrap. This creates a snug YO next to your purled stitch. This is done to eliminate the lace like holes the extra yarn of a conventional yarn-over would create. (Knit side yarn-overs are done in the usual manner.)

SSP: slip 2 stitches knit wise, then return them to the left needle, purl 2 together through back loop.

SSSP: slip 3 stitches knit wise, then return them to the left needle, purl 3 together through back loop.

On Needle 1: K2tog, work across in cable pattern picking up where you left off (row 1 for heel, row 7 for toe) to last stitch, transfer the YO at close end of Needle 2 to Needle 1, and P2tog.

Heel is now complete.

Foot

Needle 2: K to last stitch, P1

Needle 1: Work in cable pattern beginning at Row 2 for first repeat.

Continue working in pattern as set, working stitches on Needle 1 in Cable Pattern and stitches on Needle 2 as above (K to last stitch, P1), until work measures approximately 1.5 inches less than desired length, ending with Row 6 of Cable Pattern.

Toe

Work same as heel. If you prefer to eliminate the top seam, the toe can, instead, be worked from Needle 1, leaving the seam along the bottom of the sock.

Seaming

Option 1: Turn sock inside out and use a 3 needle bind off, with crochet hook as third needle (if desired, alternately, opposite end of either circular needle will do). There is one extra stitch on needle 1, either bind off two stitches at once on one end, or pull extra stitch to the inside and stitch in place when weaving in ends.

Option 2: Live stitches can be grafted together if preferred.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.



*German-English translations for
Liebchen [noun]: sweetheart, dear*