



ERIKA SOCKS

Knitting Pattern and Instructions



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About the Socks

Great, that you're planning on knitting a pair of Erika Socks!



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The socks are knit from the top down and feature a simple yet distinct pattern consisting of mock cables and a twisted rib. You won't need a cable needle. The heel is worked with a heel flap and the toe is kept very simple. The heel, the toe and the bottom of the foot are knit in stockinette stitch. The pattern also works great for toe-up knitting and the socks looks equally great on men's and women's feet :)

Happy Knitting!



©Punktemarie ankle socks



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Preparations

Sizes and Gauge

One repeat of the *Main Pattern* consists of 8 stitches. This means that you can knit these socks with an arbitrary amount of stitches, as long as it is a multiple of 8. For these instructions I picked 3 exemplary sizes:

S 56 stitches

M 64 stitches

L 72 stitches

The gauge is

$$28 \text{ sts} \times 40 \text{ rows} = 10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}$$

Material

- Set of 4 2.5 mm dpns or size needed to obtain gauge
- 2 stitch markers
- 100 g/400 m fingering weight yarn

Abbreviations

sts	stitches
CO	cast on
k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	knit two stitches together
p2tog	purl two stitches together
ssk	slip, slip, knit: slip one stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to knit, knit those two stitches together through their back loops
sl1	slip one stitch as if to purl
k1tbl	knit one stitch through the back loop
sm A, sm B	slip marker A, slip marker B
yo	yarn over
psso	pass slipped stitch over the two just knit stitches
pm	place marker

Main Pattern

Charted

-				-	-	X	-	Row 4
-				-	-	X	-	Row 3
-		0		-	-	X	-	Row 2
-			\	-	-	X	-	Row 1

The table is read from right to left.

□	k
-	p
X	k1tbl
0	yo
\	sl1, k2, pssso



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Written

- Round 1** p1, k1tbl, p2, sl1, k2, pssso, p1
Round 2 p1, k1tbl, p2, k1, yo, k1, p1
Round 3 p1, k1tbl, p2, k3, p1
Round 4 p1, k1tbl, p2, k3, p1



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Explanatory Note

When you knit the foot in sizes *S* or *L* the instructions tell you to work 3.5 or 4.5 pattern repeats. To do so work 3 or 4 full pattern repeats and then repeat the first 4 stitches of the main pattern as a 'half repeat'.

Instructions

Cast-On

CO 56/64/72 sts and join for working in the round.

Ribbing

Round 1 *k2, p2* repeat to end of round

Round 2 - 18 repeat *Round 1*

Leg

The *Main Pattern* is worked over all 56/64/72 sts, thus it gets repeated 7/8/9 times in every round.

Repeat the 4 rounds of the *Main Pattern* until the leg has reached the desired length, end with *Round 4*.

Heel

The heel is worked with a heel flap and heel turn. Therefore the first 28/32/36 sts will now be worked flat in rows.

Row 1 k to end

Row 2 p to end

Repeat *Row 1* and *Row 2* another 9/11/13 times

Heel Turn

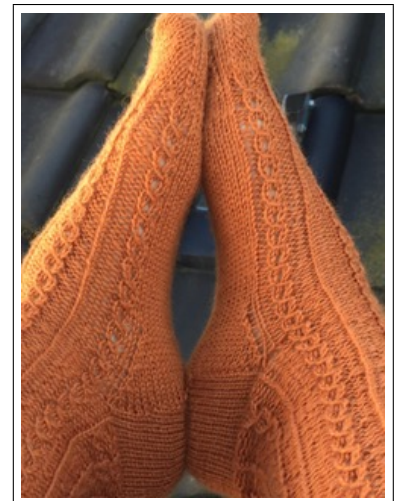
Row 0 k to end

Row 1 p16/18/20, p2tog, p1, turn work

Row 2 k6, ssk, k1, turn work

Row 3 p7, p2tog, p1, turn work

Row 4 k8, ssk, k1, turn work



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Continue working in this manner (working one more stitch in every row) until there are 18/20/22 heel sts left, then:

next Row p to last 2 sts, p2tog

next Row k to last 2 sts, ssk

There should be 16/18/20 heel sts left.

Gusset

With right side facing, pick up and knit 11/13/15 sts along the side of heel flap (= 1 stitch per 2 rows + 1 stitch in between heel flap and foot), pm A, k across 28/32/36 sts of top of foot and work *Round 1* of the *Main Pattern* 3.5/4/4.5 times (knit stitches as they appear, see annotation for half repeats), pm B, pick up and knit 11/13/15 sts along the other side of the heel flap, k across heel sts.



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The top of the foot will now be worked in the *Main Pattern* between markers A and B. The bottom of the foot will be worked in stockinette stitch (between markers B and A). Meanwhile the gusset decreases are worked every second row between marker B and marker A at the bottom of the foot:

- Round 0** k to maker A, sm A, work *Round 2* of *Main Pattern* 3.5/4/4.5 times
- Round 1** sm B, k1, skk, work to 3 sts before maker A, k2tog, k1, sm A, work *Round 3* of *Main Pattern* 3.5/4/4.5 times
- Round 2** sm B, k to maker A, sm A, work *Round 4* of *Main Pattern* 3.5/4/4.5 times
- Round 3** work as *Round 1*, but work *Round 1* of *Main Pattern*
- Round 4** work as *Round 2*, but work *Round 2* of *Main Pattern*

Continue decreasing in every second row, until there are 56/64/72 sts left in total.

Foot

Continue working the *Main Pattern* on the top and stockinette stitch at the bottom of the foot until you have reached your desired length minus circa 5/5.5/6 cm. End with *Round 4* of the *Main Pattern*.

Toe

The toe is knit in stockinette stitch. The round begins at marker B.

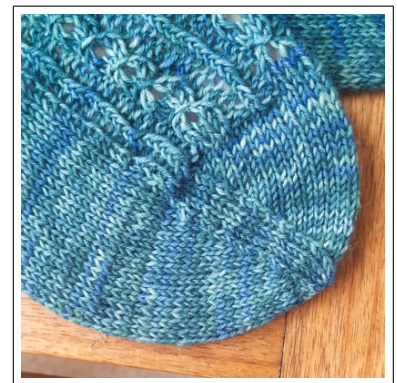
- Round 1** k to end and slip markers as you pass them
- Round 2** sm B, k1, ssk, k to 3 sts before marker A, k2tog, k1, sm A, k1 re, ssk, k to 3 sts before marker B, k2tog, k1

Repeat *Rounds 1* and *2* another 6/7/8 times (= 28/32/36 sts).

Then work decreases in every round:

Repeat *Round 2* 5/6/7 times (= 8 M).

Cut the thread and pull it through the remaining stitches. Make a knot.



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2. Sock

Work the second sock in exactly the same way.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends and you're done :)



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