

1 St marker Tapestry needle

GAUGE

20 sts = 4"; 27 rows = 4" in St st with Comfort on smaller needles 12 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in Reverse St st with Plush on larger needles TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

STITCH GLOSSARY

HORIZONTALLY WRAP

To horizontally wrap 3 sts, (sl the last 3 sts worked back to LH needle WYIB, bring yarn to front and sl the same 3 sts back to RH needle) twice forming a double horizontal wrap around these 3 sts. Pull yarn up snuggly to tighten wrap and continue to work across row.

PATTERN STITCH (Multiple of 8 sts)

Note: SI all sts with yarn in back.

Rnd 1 (Set-up rnd): With B, sl 1, * k1, k3, horizontally wrap these 3 sts, k1, sl 3, rep from * around, end last rep sl 2 instead of sl 3.

Rnd 2: With B, sl 1, * (k1, k1 wrapping yarn around needle twice) twice, k1, sl 3, rep from * around, end last rep sl 2 instead of sl 3.

Rnd 3: With A, k2, * sl 1, dropping extra wrap, k1, sl 1 dropping extra wrap, k5, rep from * around, end last rep k3 instead of k5.

Rnds 4 and 5: With A, knit all A sts and sl all B sts.

Rnd 6: With A, knit, dropping all B loops from needle to front of work, pulling each loop tight as it is dropped.

Rnd 7: With B, k1, * sl 3, (k1, pick up nearest dropped B loop with LH needle and k this loop) twice, wrap the last 3 sts worked horizontally, k1 rep from * around.

Rnd 8: With B, k1, * sl 3, (k1, k1 wrapping yarn around needle twice) twice, k1, rep from * around.

Rnd 9: With A, * k5, sl 1, dropping extra loop, k1, sl 1 dropping extra loop, rep from * around.

Rnds 10 and 11: With A, knit all A sts and sl all B sts.

Rnd 12: Rep Rnd 6.

Rnd 13: With B, sl 1, * (k1, pick up nearest dropped B loop with LH needle and k this loop) twice, wrap the last 3 sts worked horizontally, k1, sl 3, rep from * around, end last rep sl 2 instead of sl 3.

Rep Rnds 2 – 13 for Pat St.

STOCKING

Cuff: With 1 larger circular needle, using D, cast on 40 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 2 circular needles (20 sts on each needle) and join, being careful not to twist sts. Mark for beg of rnd and carry marker up. **Note:** When changing from one needle to the other, make sure that you pick up the other end of the needle you will be working with. Otherwise you will end up with all the sts on the same needle and will have to divide the sts again.

Work even in Reverse St st (purl EVERY rnd) for 2 1/2". Change to smaller circular needles and A, k the next rnd, inc 24 sts around – 64 sts. Work even in St st (k EVERY rnd) for 2 1/2". Join B and work even in Pat St until piece measures approximately 11" from beg, end on Rnd 13.

Shape Heel: Turn work and with A, purl back over the last 32 sts worked. Turn. These are the heel sts. Leaving 32 sts on the other needle, work back and forth on these sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): SSK, k to last 2 st, k2 tog – 30 sts.

Row 2: Purl. Rep these 2 rows 5 times more, then rep Row 1 once more, end on RS – 18 sts.

Next Row: Pick up and k7 sts down left side of heel. Turn.

Following Row: P25, then with WS facing, pick up and p7 sts down right side of heel – 32 sts on heel needle. Turn. You will now be working in the rnd again on all 64 sts. Beg with Rnd 2, work even in Pat St until you have completed 7 more horizontally wrapped rnds. On next horizontally wrapped rnd, eliminate the k1 in B before and after each horizontally wrapped group of 3 sts, by slipping these sts instead of knitting them. Fasten off B and work from here with A.

Shape Toe: Dec Rnd: * K1, SSK, k to last 3 sts on needle, k2 tog, k1, rep from * once more – 60 sts. Rep this dec EVERY rnd 11 times more – 16 sts (8 sts on each needle).

FINISHING

Holding needles parallel, weave toe sts tog using Kitchener St. With St st side facing, using crochet hook and C, work in sc around edge of cuff. Fold down cuff so that St st side is facing out and 1/2" of A section of stocking shows at top. Thread tapestry needle with 2 strands of C and work overcast sts 1/2" apart around top of stocking working over the A section. Using tapestry needle and desired colors, embroider name on cuff if desired.

Hanging Loop: Cut two 24" long strands each of A, B and C. Put strands tog and pull through top edge of stocking with crochet hook. Fold cords in half and tie ends in a knot. Slip a pencil through the knotted end and twist until cord is so tight that it can't be twisted further and starts to double back on itself. Put 1 finger in the center of cord and carefully fold in half, letting 2 ends of cord twist tog. Knot both ends tog and trim ends leaving 2" free for tassel.