

VILLAGE OF KIRBLA ESTONIAN STOCKING

Nancy Bush

THIS DESIGN WAS INSPIRED BY A KNITTED NINETEENTH-CENTURY SOCK FROM THE VILLAGE OF KIRBLA, NOW IN THE COLLECTION OF THE ESTONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM IN TARTU, ESTONIA. THE ORIGINAL STOCKING IS QUITE LONG, WITH THE STRIPE PATTERN THE FULL LENGTH OF THE SOCK. SUBSTITUTE MORE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS COLORS, IF YOU PREFER, FOR NANCY'S FESTIVE GREENS AND GOLD.

Finished Size

About 7" (18 cm) wide and 12" (30.5 cm) long before blocking.

Yarn

Sport weight yarn, approximately 150 yd (137 m) dark green; 60 yd (55 m) each natural and gold; 40 yd (37 m) apple green.

Needles

Size 3 (3.25 mm): set of 5 double-pointed needles (dpn); size 2: (2.75 mm) set of 5 dpn.

Gauge

24 sts and 28 rounds = 4" (10 cm) in cir, patterned St st before blocking.

Notions

Tapestry needle; markers.

Note When instructions specify increases or decreases, they should be evenly spaced within the rnd indicated.

LEG

With smaller needles and green, CO 88 sts, leaving about 12" (31 cm) of tail from this cast-on for making the hanger loop later. Divide sts onto 4 dpn needles (22 sts on each needle) and join, being careful not to twist sts. This join is the "seam line" and marks the beginning of all future rounds.

Cuff: Purl 1 rnd. Work in k2, p2 rib for 5 rounds. Purl 1 rnd. *Next rnd:* *K2 tog, yo; rep from * to end of rnd. Knit 1 rnd increasing 2 sts evenly spaced—90 sts. Purl 1 rnd. Change to larger needles and knit one rnd. Follow Leg chart Rnds 1 through 81, increasing and decreasing where indicated on chart. Leg measures 12 inches (30.5 cm). Adjust stitches as follows: 16 sts

on needle #1, 20 on needle #2 and needle #3, and 16 sts on needle #4 — 72 sts.

HEEL

With green, k across 16 sts on needle #1. Turn, sl 1, p 31. These 32 sts form the heel flap. Hold rem 40 sts for instep. **Heel flap:** Heel flap is worked back and forth in rows.

Row 1: Sl 1, k31.

Row 2: Sl 1, p31.

Repeat above 2 rows for a total of 20 rows. End with row 2 (WS).

Turn heel:

Row 1: K20, ssk, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k8, ssk, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p8, p2tog, turn.