

urn heel: (worked the same for all sizes) Work short-rows to shape heel as foll:

Row 1: (RS) K14, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1 pwise wyf, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1 pwise wyb, knit to 1 st before gap formed by turn on previous row, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to 1 st before gap formed by turn on previous row, p2tog, p1, turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked, ending with a WS row—14 heel sts rem.

Gusset: Resume working in the rnd as foll: With Needle 1, k14 heel sts, then pick up and knit 12 (13, 14) sts along selvedge of heel flap (chain selvedge sts, plus 1 extra st in corner); with Needle 2, work Rnd 1 of cable patt for instep (see Stitch Guide) over 22 instep sts; with Needle 3, pick up and knit 12 (13, 14) sts along other selvedge edge of heel flap, then knit the first 7 heel sts again—60 (62, 64) sts: 19 (20, 21) sts each on Needles 1 and 3; 22 instep sts on Needle 2. Rnd now begins at center back heel.

Rnd 1: On Needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 2, work 22 instep sts in established cable patt; on Needle 3, k1, ssk, knit to end—2 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: On Needle 1, knit; on Needle 2, work 22 instep sts in established cable patt; on Needle 3, knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 six more times—46 (48, 50) sts rem: 12 (13, 14) sts each on Needles 1 and 3; 22 instep sts on Needle 2.

Foot

Work even in established patt until piece measures 6½ (7, 7¼)" (16.5 [18, 18.5] cm) from back of heel, or about

3 (3, 3¼)" (7.5 [7.5, 8.5] cm) less than desired total foot length, ending with Rnd 5 of cable patt.

For smallest size only: Knit 1 rnd, dec 1 st each on Needles 1 and 3—44 sts rem; 11 sts each on Needles 1 and 3; 22 sts on Needle 2.

For medium size only: Without working any sts, move last st from Needle 1 onto Needle 2, and move first st from Needle 3 onto Needle 2—still 48 sts: 12 st each on Needles 1 and 3; 24 sts on Needle 2.

For largest size only: Knit 1 rnd, dec 1 st each on Needles 1 and 3—48 sts rem; 13 sts each on Needles 1 and 3; 22 sts on Needle 2. Without working any sts, move last st from Needle 1 onto Needle 2, and move first st from Needle 3 onto Needle 2—still 48 sts: 12 st each on Needles 1 and 3; 24 sts on Needle 2.

Toe

Rnd 1: On Needle 1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 2, k1, ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on Needle 3, k1 ssk, knit to end—4 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 eight (nine, nine) more times—8 sts rem for all sizes. Divide sts so that there are 4 sts each on 2 needles. Cut yarn, leaving a 12" (30.5-cm) tail. Thread tail on a tapestry needle and use the Kitchener st (see Techniques, page 120) to graft rem sts tog.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends. Block lightly, if desired.