

Aurelia Socks

Aurelia. As a name, it means “golden.” To me, it brings to mind images of a winding brook, a secluded spot in a forest overlooking a waterfall, and mythical tree nymphs. And so I’ve incorporated all those things into this pattern. These socks feature panels of open lace and curvy fake cables. The techniques used are not difficult, and these socks would be an easy project for an advanced beginner or an intermediate knitter.

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Pattern Details:

- ☞ **Finished Size:** Tall size - 10” from cuff to bottom of heel, 5.5” diameter at top after light blocking;
Short size: 7.5” from cuff to bottom of heel, 4.75” diameter at top after light blocking
- ☞ **Yarn:** Fingering weight yarn, approx. 410 yds. (Shown here: *short size, pink* - Ellie’s Ewe Hues MemenToes (100% superwash merino wool / 100 g / 490 yds), Color: Mixed Berries - 1 skein; *tall size, green* - Koigu Painter’s Pallette Premium Merino (100% superwash merino wool / 50 g / 175 yds), Color: 516 - 2 skeins)
- ☞ **Needles:** 1 set of 5 double point needles (dpns) in each size: size 2 (2.50 mm) for cast-on, size 1 (2.25 mm) for upper leg, and size 0 (2.00 mm) for lower leg and foot
- ☞ **Gauge:** 8 sts = 1” in st st on size 0 needles, worked in the round
- ☞ **Notions:** small stitch marker (m) and tapestry needle (tn)
- ☞ **Substitute Yarns:** This pattern uses approximately 410 yds of fingering weight yarn, so you can easily substitute any yarn that has roughly 200-250 yds per 50 g skein. Please note that if you chose to use a yarn with less than 200 yds / 50 g, you should make the short version, or have some extra yarn on hand to work the toes. Because it’s a busy pattern, you should chose a colorway that is either solid, nearly solid, or delicately variegated. Some suggestions are listed below:
 - * Schaefer Anne (60% superwash wool, 25% mohair, 15% nylon / 113 g / 560 yds) - 1 skein
 - * Austermann Step (75% wool, 25% nylon / 100 g / 460 yds) - 1 skein
 - * Zitron Trekking XXL (75% wool, 25% nylon / 100 g / 460 yds) - 1 skein

Stitch Guide:

- | **k 1** - knit 1 stitch
- **p 1** - purl 1 stitch
- ^ **k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together
- ∧ **ssk** - slip-slip-knit (slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip 2 stitches from right needle back to left needle, knit 2 stitches together through back loop)
- **yo** - yarn over (if next stitch is to be knitted, bring yarn forward; if next stitch is to be purled, bring yarn forward, wrap yarn around right needle once, and bring yarn forward again)
- ∨ **sl 1** - slip 1 stitch purl-wise
- ⊗ **mk1** - make 1 stitch using your preferred method
- **no stitch** - no stitches to be worked

Repeated Heel Flap Rows:

Row 3 (RS): sl1, yo, k3, ssk, k3, p2, (sl1, k1) 3 times, sl1, p2, k3, k2tog, k3, yo, k1

Row 4, 6, 8, & 10 (WS): sl1, p8, k2, p7, k2, p9

Row 5: sl1, k1, yo, k3, ssk, k2, p2, (sl1, k1) 3 times, sl1, p2, k2, k2tog, k3, yo, k2

Row 7: sl1, k2, yo, k3, ssk, k1, p2, (sl1, k1) 3 times, sl1, p2, k1, k2tog, k3, yo, k3

Row 9: sl1, k3, yo, k3, ssk, p2, (sl1, k1) 3 times, sl1, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k4

Row 10: Repeat row 4

Repeat rows 3-10 2 more times, for a total of 26 rows and 13 side loops on the heel flap.

Setup Rows:

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Repeated Rows:

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*blue border denotes rows 1-2, worked once
red border denotes rows 3-10, worked three times*

Turn the Heel:

Row 1 (RS): k16, ssk, k1, turn

Row 2 (WS): sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 3: sl1, k6, ssk, k1, turn

Row 4: sl1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 5: sl1, k8, ssk, k1, turn

Row 6: sl1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 7: sl1, k10, ssk, k1, turn

Row 8: sl1, p11, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 9: sl1, k12, ssk, k1, turn

Row 10: sl1, p13, p2tog, p1, turn

Row 11: sl1, k14, ssk, turn

Row 12: p15, p2tog, turn

Row 13: k16



Toe:

Once foot has reached desired length, you will begin to shape the toe.
(Toe length will be approx. 1.5".)

First, reposition the stitches so that there are 17 sts on each needle.

Rnd 1: **Needle 1:** k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, ssk, k to end

Needle 3: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

Needle 4: k1, ssk, k to end

Rnd 2: k all

Repeat Rnds 1-2 4 times. (13 sts remain on each needle; 52 sts total remaining)

Then continue to work only Rnd 1 9 more times. (4 sts remain on each needle; 16 sts total remaining)

Next, k the 4 sts on Needle 1 one more time.

Move 4 sts from Needle 3 onto Needle 2, and 4 sts from Needle 4 onto Needle 1 (so you have 8 sts on each of two needles, with your yarn to the left of the sock).

Turn the sock around, break yarn (leaving about a ~3-4" tail), and close the toe using the Kitchener Stitch (see appendix).

Weave in ends and lightly block.



Appendix (Additional Stitches):

3-St I-Cord Cast-On:

Cast on 3 sts using your preferred method.

Next, slip the 3 sts onto your left needle. Knit into the front loop of the first st, and without slipping the st of the needle, knit into the back of the st. Slip the st off the left needle. (You should now have 2 sts on your right needle). Knit the remaining 2 sts on the left needle onto the right needle (for a total of 4 sts on your right needle).

Next, slip the last 3 sts back onto the left needle, and repeat the process (knit into front and back of first st, k next 2 sts normally).

Repeat this process until you have created the desired number of sts.

*** A more detailed description can be found here: <http://whimsicalknittingdesigns.blogspot.com/2006/10/i-cord-cast-on.html>*

Kitchener Stitch:

Thread yarn tail through a tapestry needle (tn).

Step 1: Weave tn purl-wise through first st on front needle, leave st on needle.

Step 2: Weave tn knit-wise through first st on back needle, leave st on needle.

Step 3: Weave tn knit-wise through first st on front needle, slip st off needle. Weave tn purl-wise through next st on front needle, leave st on needle.

Step 4: Weave tn purl-wise through first st on back needle, slip st off needle. Weave tn knit-wise through next st on back needle, leave st on needle.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all sts have been bound off.

*** A more detailed description can be found here: <http://www.knitty.com/issuesummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>*