Get to the Point Socks

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I've got two very definitive characteristics - I knit socks, and I ramble a *lot*. People are always telling me to get to the point. Last time I was flipping through my stitch dictionaries looking for a good pattern for my newest pair of socks, I ended up marking just about every other design. Finally, after a few hours of browsing, I had to tell *myself* to get to the point - the point was to pick out a good stitch pattern and get to knitting, not to flip through books all night. It was at that moment that I turned the page and spotted this nifty little pattern, with panels of diagonal lines forming distinct little arrows that all came to a point. "Get to the point, indeed!" I muttered to myself, and a new sock pattern was born.

Pattern Details:

Finished Size: Women's size 7-8 (10" tall, from bottom of heel to top of cuff)

Yarn: Fingering weight yarn, approx. 300 yds. (Shown here: Fleece Artist Nova Sock, (325 m / 354 yds, 115 g / 4 oz.), 1 skein, Color: Cosmic Dawn)

Needles: 1 set of 5 double point needles (dpns) in size 1 (2.25 mm)

Gauge: 8 sts = 1" in st st on size 1 needles, worked in the round

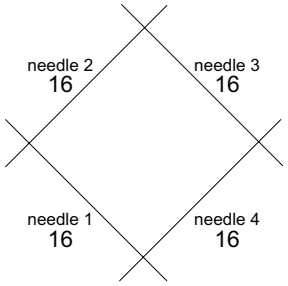
Notions: small stitch marker (m) and tapestry needle (tn)

Stitch Guide:

|	**k 1** - knit 1 stitch
—	**p 1** - purl 1 stitch
⅄	**k2tog** - knit 2 stitches together
⅄	**k3tog** - knit 3 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)
⅄	**sssk** - slip-slip-slip-knit (slip 3 stitches knit-wise one at a time, then slip all three back to the left needle, and knit 3 stitches through the 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)

Cuff:

CO 64 sts loosely onto size1 dpns and arrange sts so that there are 16 sts on each of 4 needles



Work in the following pattern for 12 rnds: (k2, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1) 4x

Leg:

Work Rnds 1-10 of the Leg Pattern 6 times:

Leg Pattern:

Rnd 1: (k1, yo, k5, yo, k3tog, yo, k5, yo, k1, p1) 4x

Rnd 2: (k17, p1) 4x

Rnd 3: (k1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1, yo, p1, yo, k1, ssk, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, p1) 4x

Rnd 4: (k4, p1, k3, p1, k3, p1, k4, p1) 4x

Rnd 5: (k1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1, p1, k1, ssk, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, p1) 4x

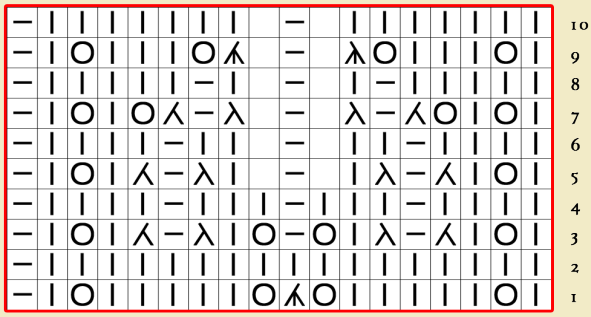
Rnd 6: (k4, p1, k2, p1, k2, p1, k4, p1) 4x

Rnd 7: (k1, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, ssk, p1, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k1, p1) 4x

Rnd 8: (k5, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k5, p1) 4x

Rnd 9: (k1, yo, k3, yo, sssk, p1, k3tog, yo, k3, yo, k1, p1) 4x

Rnd 10: (k7, p1) 8x

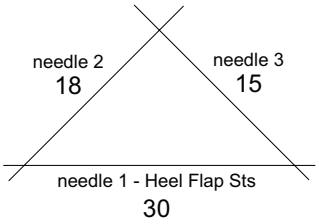


Heel Flap:

Setup Row 1: k5, k2tog, turn

Setup Row 2: sl1, p29 (5 sts from Needle 1, 16 sts from Needle 4, and 8 sts from Needle 3), turn

Reposition the sts so that Needle 1 holds your 30 heel flap sts, Needle 2 holds 18 instep sts, and Needle 3 holds the remaining 15 instep sts (the instep sts will be worked later).



Work the following 2 rows 14 times, for a total of 28 rows:

Heel Flap Row 1: (sl1, k1) 15x

Heel Flap Row 2: sl1, p to end

Turn the Heel:

Row 1 (RS): k17 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: sl1, p15, p2tog, turn

Row 13: sl1, k15, ssk, turn

Row 14: sl1, p14, p2tog, turn (16 sts rem)

Gusset Shaping and Foot:

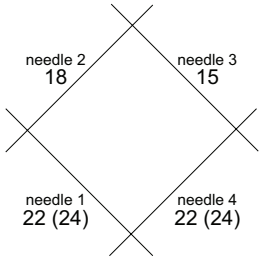
With an unused needle, pick up 14 loops *(** see note)* on the right side of the heel flap, and knit these sts through the back loop onto Needle 1.

Work Rnd 1 of Foot Pattern *(see below)* on Needles 2 and 3.

With an unused needle, pick up the remaining 14 (or 16) loops on the other side of the heel flap and knit them through the back loop. K8 from Needle 1 onto this new needle (now Needle 4). If desired, place marker (m) to denote EOR.

Note:

You may opt to pick up an extra st at the top and bottom of the heel flap, in order to tighten up the joins, if you wish, for a total of 16 picked up sts.



Next Rnd: Needle 1: k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; **Needles 2 & 3:** Work Rnd 2 of Foot Pattern *(see below)*; **Needle 4:** k1, ssk, k to end

Next Rnd: Needle 1: k all; **Needles 2 & 3:** Work Rnd 3 of Foot Pattern *(see below)*; **Needle 4:** k all

Continue working decreases every other rnd until 16 sts remain on each of Needles 1 and 4. Once the gusset shaping is complete, k all sts on Needles 1 and 4 every rnd. AT THE SAME TIME, continue to work Rnds 1-10 of Foot Pattern on Needles 3 and 4 until foot reaches desired length, ending with Rnd 10.

Foot Pattern:

Rnd 1: k2tog, yo, k5, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k5, yo, k3tog, yo, k5, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k5, yo, k2tog

Rnd 2: k9, p1, k17, p1, k9

Rnd 3: p1, (yo, k1, ssk, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1, yo, p1) 2x

Rnd 4: p1, (k3, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k3, p1) 2x

Rnd 5: p1, (k1, ssk, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1, p1) 2x

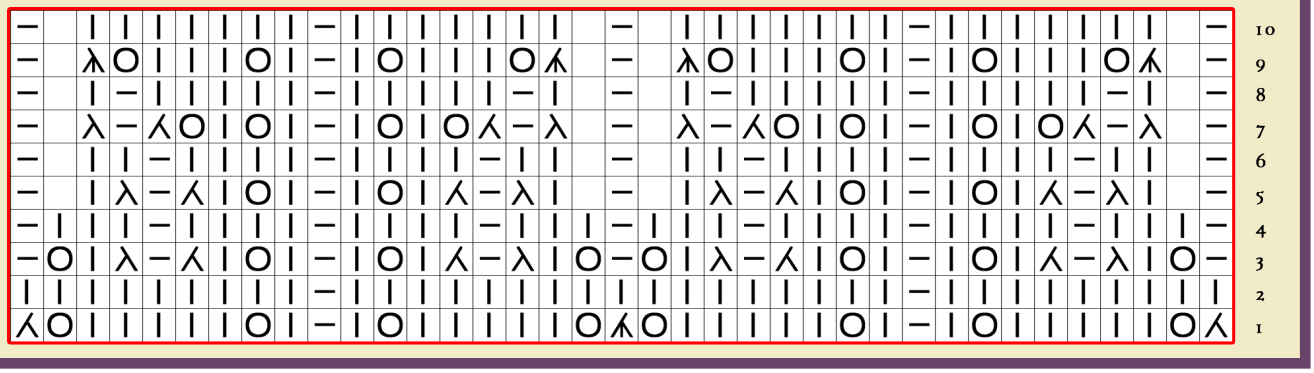
Rnd 6: p1, (k2, p1, k4, p1, k4, p1, k2, p1) 2x

Rnd 7: p1, (ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, ssk, p1) 2x

Rnd 8: p1, (k1, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k1, p1) 2x

Rnd 9: p1, (k3tog, yo, k3, yo, k1, p1, k1, yo, k3, yo, sssk, p1) 2x

Rnd 10: p1, (k7, p1) 4x



Note: *At the end of each 10-rnd Pattern repeat, you should have 33 instep sts, but the number of sts does fluctuate throughout the Pattern. Because of the numerous inc and dec sts, you may have to occasionally reposition a st here or there between Needles 2 and 3.*

Toe:

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

First, reposition the sts so there are 16 sts on Needle 1, 17 sts on Needle 2, and 16 sts on each of Needles 3 and 4.

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: Needle 1: k all; **Needle 2:** k1, ssk, k to end; **Needles 3 and 4:** k all

Rnd 3: Repeat Rnd 1

Rnd 4: k all

Repeat Rnds 3-4 3 more times. (12 sts remain on each needle; 48 sts total remaining)

Then continue to work only Rnd 1 8 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.

Weave in ends and lightly block, if desired.