



Nell

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Nell is an elegant and stretchy anklet I designed for my mother in law (Nel). Worked over just 2 rounds, the lacy ribbing pattern it is very simple and easy to memorize, yet fun to knit.

The pattern works best with a (hand dyed) yarn with a little bit of contrast in colors like a solid, semi-solid, muted-multi or gradient colorway.



Requirements

- A skein of sock yarn (50 – 70 grams will suffice)
Zitron Trekking Pro Natura is used for the socks on the pictures.
- circular needle 80 cm 2,5 mm
- stitch markers if preferred

Gauge

32 stitches and 40 rows in stockinette,
knitted in the round on 10 cm, with needle size 2.5 mm.

Size

Nell is designed for size EU 36/40, Woman US (6-9). It is knitted over 60 stitches on a circular needle using magic loop. The lace stitches combined with a twisted rib make the sock very stretchy.

If necessary the pattern can easily be adjusted for larger sizes by adding extra columns of ktbl and p at the beginning and ending of a needle. Keep in mind to center the lace parts of the pattern.



Directions

Cuff

Using the long tail cast on 60 stitches. Divide the stitches evenly on your circular needle. Join in the round; be careful not to twist the stitches.

Knit 6 rounds to make the curly edge.
Knit 6 rounds in a twisted rib. *p1, ktbl1*



Leg



The lacy ribbed pattern is written out and charted for your convenience.

Follow the instructions/chart for 12 repeats for a short sock.

End knitting round 2

Round 1:

k tbl1, p1, k tbl1, yo, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yo, k tbl1, p1, k tbl1, p1

Repeat *this pattern* over all stitches, 6 times total.

Round 2:

k tbl1, p1, k tbl1, k3, k tbl1, p1, k tbl1, p1

Repeat *this pattern* over all stitches, 6 times total.

Chart

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	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	●	B	●	B				B	●	B	2
	●	B	●	B	○	∧	○	B	●	B	1

Legend:

- B **k**nit **t**bl
Knit stitch through back loop

- **p**url
purl stitch

- **y**o
Yarn Over

- ∧ **sl**1 **k**2**t**og **p**ss**o**
slip 1, k2tog, pass slip stitch over k2tog

- **k**nit
knit stitch

Heel

Reinforced heel flap

The heel flap will be knitted over 30 stitches back and forth. A reinforced heel stitch is used to add a bit of padding to the heel.

Row 1 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch with yarn in back of work. Knit one. *

Repeat ** over all of the 30 stitches. Turn work. .

Note: The slipped stitches will be aligned above of the ktbl of the leg.

Row 2 (WS): * Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front of work. Purl 29. *

Repeat ** over all 30 stitches. Turn work.

Repeat these two rows 15 times, ending with row 2 on the wrong side. This will show 15 slipped stitches on the self edge.



Round V-heel

This heel turn is a variation based on a round heel and V-heel.

Row 1 (RS): k18, ssk, k1. Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1 stitch purl wise, p7, p2tog, p1. Turn work.

Row 3 (RS): Slip 1 stitch purl wise, knit until one stitch before "the gap (where you turned your work in the previous row)" ssk, k1. Turn work.

Row 4 (WS): Slip 1 stitch purl wise, purl until one stitch before "the gap (where you turned your work in the previous row)", p2tog, p1. Turn work.

Repeat row 3 & 4 until all stitches are worked. End with row 4 and 18 stitches on your needle.

Gusset

From now on, you will continue working in the round again.

Work across the 18 heel stitches.

With the tip of the needle, pick up and knit 15 stitches along the side of the heel. On the space between the heel and the instep, pick up a stitch from the row below the first instep stitch to prevent a hole. These 16 stitches will form the gusset on the right side

Work across 30 instep stitches.

Pick up and knit a stitch from below the last instep stitch to prevent a hole. Pick up and knit 15 stitches along the side of the heel. These 16 stitches will form the gusset on the left side

Round 1:

Knit all stitches of the heel and right side of the gusset.

Work the stitches of the instep in the established pattern.

Knit all stitches of the left side of the gusset. Knit all stitches of the sole.

Round 2:

Work stitches of heel and right gusset until 3 stitches from the end, k2tog, k1. Work stitches of the instep in the established pattern.

K1, ssk, work all stitches of left gusset and sole.

Repeat these two rounds until there are 60 stitches remaining.



Foot

Instep: continue working the lacy rib pattern

Sole: Knit all stitches

Continue working in rounds until foot measures about 19 – 21 cm from base of heel, depending on your size. The length of the toe in this pattern measures about 5 cm.

Toe

Start working the toe with the stitches of the instep.

Round 1:

Instep: K1, ssk, knit until 3 stitches left on the needle, k2tog, k1.

Sole: K1, ssk, knit until 3 stitches left on the needle, k2tog, k1.

You have decreased 4 stitches, 56 stitches left on the needles.

Round 2 - 4: Knit all stitches.

Round 5: According round 1, 52 stitches left.

Round 6 & 7: Knit all stitches.

Round 8: According round 1, 48 stitches left.

Round 9 & 10: Knit all stitches.

Round 11: According round 1, 44 stitches left.

Round 12: Knit all stitches.

Round 13: According round 1, 40 stitches left.

Round 14: Knit all stitches.

Round 15: According round 1, 36 stitches left.

Round 16: Knit all stitches.

Round 17: According round 1, 32 stitches left.

Repeat round 17 3 times until 20 stitches are left. (10 stitches per needle)

Use kitchener stitch to graft the last stitches together.

Weave in ends.



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