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## **LACERTILIA SOCKS**



**Materials:** 100 g Regia Cotton Color (50 g = 200 m), set of 5 double-pointed needles, in size required to obtain correct gauge - I was using size 2.0 mm/ US size 0.

**Gauge:** 30 sts/42 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch, worked in the round.

**Abbreviations:**

k: knit  
p: purl

**Leg Stitch Pattern:**

Round 1: k all sts

Round 2: k3, \*p1, k3, repeat from \*, end with p1

Round 3: k1, +k1, p2, k1, repeat from \*, end with k1, p2

Round 4: k1, p2, \*p1, k1, p2, repeat from \*, end with p1

Repeat these 4 rows until desired length.



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**Cuff:**

Loosely cast on 60 st, divide onto 3 dpns (20 - 20 - 20), place marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Work 10 rounds in k2p2 rib stitch.

**Leg:**

Work in leg pattern until desired length.

**Heel Flap:**

Slide the first 30 sts on a needle, work back and forth on the remaining 30 sts:

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, p to end.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 28 heel flap rows, end with a purl (WS) row.

**Turn heel:**

Row 1 [RS]: K19, skp, k1. Turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, k10, skp, k1. Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, p11, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 5: Sl 1, k12, skp, k1. Turn.

Row 6: Sl 1, p13, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 7: Sl 1, k14, skp, k1. Turn.

Row 8: Sl 1, p15, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Row 9: Sl 1, k16, skp, k1. Turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, p17, p2tog, p1. Turn.

20 sts remain, divide these onto 2 needles.

**Gusset:**

With Needle 1, k 10 sts, then pick up 14 sts along the side of the heel flap plus 1 st in the gap between heel flap and Needle 2 (=25 sts).

Needle 2: K next 30 sts (instep).

Needle 3: With an empty needle, pick up and k 1 st in the gap between the instep sts and the heel flap, plus 14 st along the side of the heel flap. K 10 sts from the heel onto needle 3 (= 25 sts).

Now we have on Needle 1: 25 sts; Needle 2: 30 sts; Needle 3: 25 sts.) The remainder of the sock is worked on 3 needles.

Round 1:

N1: Work to 3 sts from end, k2tog, k1.

N2: Cont in pattern.

N3:K1, ssk, work to end.

Round 2:

Work even.

Repeat these 2 rnds until there are 60 sts remaining [N1:20 sts, N2: 20 sts, N3: 20 sts].

**Foot:**

Continue in leg pattern for the instep and stockinette on the sole until foot measures 2" (about 5 cm) less than the desired foot length.

**Toe:**

Divide st evenly on 4 needles.

Work decrease rounds as follows:

Needle 1: k to last 3 st, k2tog, k1

Needle 2: k1, skp, k to the end

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

Needle 4: k1, skp, k to the end.

Round 1: Decrease round.

Round 2, 3 and 4: k all sts without decreasing.

Round 5: Decrease round

Round 6 and 7: k all sts without decreasing.

Round 8: Decrease round

Round 9 and 10: k all sts without decreasing.

Round 11: Decrease round

Round 12 : k all sts without decreasing

Round 13: Decrease round

Round 14: k all sts without decreasing

Round 15: Decrease round

Round 16: k all sts without decreasing

Repeat Round 1 only until 8 sts remain. Cut yarn leaving an 8" (20.5cm) tail. Thread tail through these 8 sts with a tapestry needle, pull tight to close the gap between the st and fasten off on inside of sock - and you're done!