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Wimbledon Footlets by Ros Clarke



These footlets make lovely summer socks, especially if knitted in yarn with some cotton, bamboo or tencel content. The stripe pattern works best if the solid yarn (CC) is a neutral background colour and the main yarn (MC) is self-stripping or variegated. It would also work well as a way of using up scraps of self-stripping yarn.

Materials

30g fingering weight yarn (MC)
25g fingering weight yarn (CC)
2.5mm dpns or circular needle(s) or size needed to get gauge
Crochet hook (optional)
1/2" wide strip of cardboard (optional)
Two small buttons
Tapestry needle

Gauge

22 rows and 16 stitches to 5cm/2" in stocking stitch.

Abbreviations

MC: main colour (the purple/green in my version)
CC: contrast colour (the cream in my version)
Kfb: Knit into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog tbl: Knit 2 together, through the back of the loop

Sizes Small (Medium, Large)

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Toe

Using a figure of eight cast on, or Judy's Magic Cast On, cast on 24 stitches in MC.

Round 1: Knit 12, place marker, knit 12, place marker.

Round 2 (and all even rounds): [K1, Kfb, k to 2 sts before marker, kfb, k1], repeat.

Round 3 (and all odd rounds): knit

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have a total of 60 (64, 68) stitches.

Knit two more rounds, then knit a further 45 (48, 51) stitches to the new end of the round. This will be in the middle of the foot to hide the jogs between stripes.

Foot

Rounds 1 and 2: CC

Rounds 3 and 4: MC

Round 5: CC

Round 6: MC

Round 7: CC

Round 8: MC

Repeat these eight rows until sock measures length of foot less 1.5"/4cm. End with a MC row.

Heel

Break CC and work the heel in MC only.

Row 1: Knit 14 (15, 16) stitches, wrap next stitch, turn.

Row 2: Purl 28 (30, 32) stitches, wrap next stitch, turn.

Row 3: Knit to stitch before wrapped stitch, wrap, turn.

Row 4: Purl to stitch before wrapped stitch, wrap, turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have 9 (10, 11) wrapped stitches on each side of the heel.

Next row: Knit to wrapped stitch, pick up wrap and knit together with wrapped stitch, turn.

Next row: Purl to wrapped stitch, pick up wrap and purl together with wrapped stitch, turn.

Repeat these two rows until all wrapped stitches have been knitted.

Knit 15 (16, 17) stitches to the new end of the round.

Ankle

Continuing stripe pattern as set on the foot, work at least a further 12 rows, ending with 2 rows of MC.

Break CC.

I Cord Cast Off

Using MC, cast on 3 stitches.

*Slip 3 stitches back to left needle, knit 2, k2 tog tbl.

Repeat from * until there are just three live stitches left. Slip these to the left needle.

Slip 1, k2 tog tbl, pass slipped stitch over.

*Knit 1, slip back to left needle.

Repeat from * 6 times. Break yarn and pull through stitch.

You can work the last 6 stitches using a crochet hook if you prefer.

Sew the chain down to make a buttonhole loop, checking its size against the button you are using. Stitch the button on the other end of the i-cord binding. Sew in all other ends.

Pompoms

Using MC and CC held together, wrap fifty times around 1/2" strip of cardboard. Using a tapestry needle, take a loop of yarn around all wraps and tie securely, leaving a long end. Snip the yarn off the cardboard and fluff into a pompom. Use the long end to sew the pompom over the button on the sock.

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