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This lacy design reminds me of something that might have been worn with high buttoned shoes—something a bit sumptuous, but mostly hidden. A little bit of luxury for the wearer's personal enjoyment, with only the picot edge cuff left visible above the boot top to hint at intricacies within.

I rate this pattern as a design for the **INTERMEDIATE** knitter. Skills you will need include:

- Knit stitch - **k**
- Purl stitch - **p**
- Yarn over - **yo**
- Slip, slip, knit - **ssk**
- Knit two together - **k2tog**
- Knitting in the round
- Provisional cast-on
- Kitchener stitch

Size

This pattern is written to fit the average woman's foot; shoe sizes US 7 – 9, with about 10% - 20% negative ease.

Materials

Hobby Lobby's Yarn Bee Authentic™ Hand-Dyed Merino Wool – 1 hank (3.5 oz. - 400 yds.)

Colorway: Blue Vapor

Set of five 3.0mm double-pointed knitting needles, or size to obtain gauge

Notions

Scissors

Stitch markers (optional)

Darning needle

Gauge

30 stitches and 32 rounds on 3.00mm needles = 4 in. (10cm) square in plain stockinette stitch

Please note: The lace pattern repeat is much stretchier and accommodating than stockinette stitch.

Good Things to Know

- It is not the objective of this pattern to provide instructions to fit every size foot. To alter the ease of the fit, it is recommended that you refer to a good sock knitting tutorial such as those published by Norman of Nimble Needles at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zh3XCheDGw>
- The Provisional Cast-on is not absolutely necessary, but it is highly recommended for its elegance and guaranteed stretch at the cuff. Alternative stretchy cast-ons include the Old Norwegian cast-on, and the Twisted German cast-on.

Lace Pattern Chart

												Round
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		O		W		//		O				11
												10
	O			W		//		O				9
												8
O	//	O		W		//		O	W	O		7
												6
//	O							O		W		5
												4
//		O					O			W		3
												2
//	O	W	O		O	//	O		W			1
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	◀ Stitch

Legend:

	k - Knit
	ssk – Slip 2 stitches knit-wise, one at a time, replace them on left needle and then knit them together through the back loop.
	yo – Yarn over
	k2tog – Knit 2 stitches together

Written Lace Pattern (a 12 stitch X 12 row pattern repeat)

Round 1: *k1, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k1, k2tog* – Repeat * to * around.

Round 2: (and all even numbered rounds) Knit around.

Round 3: *k1, ssk, k2, yo, k3, yo, k2, k2tog* – Repeat * to * around.

Round 5: *k1, ssk, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, k2tog* – Repeat * to * around.

Round 7: *k1, yo, ssk, yo, k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1, yo, k2tog, yo* – Repeat * to * around.

Round 9: *k2, yo, k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2, yo, k1* – Repeat * to * around.

Round 11: *k3, yo, k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1, yo, k2* – Repeat * to * around.

Instructions

Cuff

Using a provisional cast-on and a set of five double-pointed knitting needles: **Cast-on 48 sts** for knitting in the round. Being careful not to twist the knitting; **distribute stitches evenly among four needles, join, and place marker.**

Rounds 1-6: Knit around in plain stockinette stitch.

Round 7: *yo, k2tog* – Repeat * to * around.

Rounds 8-13: Knit around in plain stockinette stitch.

Round 14: Knit each stitch together with its corresponding stitch from the wrong side (the inside) of the provisional cast-on. This will create an invisible raised hem and a picot edge at the top of the cuff.

Round 15: Knit around in plain stockinette stitch.

Leg

Knit 5 repeats (60 rounds) according to the lace chart (*or until the desired leg length is achieved*), slipping the marker for every round.

Heel Flap

Knit across needles 1 and 2 (24 sts). Place these stitches onto one needle for working the heel flap. Turn work.

Row 1: *Sl 1, p1* – Repeat * to * across. Turn work.

Row 2: *Sl 1, k1* – Repeat * to * across. Turn work.

Repeating rows 1 and 2, complete 24 rows, ending with a purl row and RS facing.

NOTE: Here, you can try on your sock to determine whether the heel flap is deep enough for your foot. It should begin at the level of your ankle bone and reach the floor. If necessary, knit several more rows according to the above pattern. Make note of how many rows you have worked because you will need that number for your second sock, as well as to know how many gusset stitches you will need to pick up after you turn the heel

Turn Heel

Set up Row: Sl 1, k 13, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 1: Sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, k6, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn.

Continue in this manner, working one more stitch before the decrease on each row, until 14 total stitches remain. Knit across the remaining heel stitches.

Gussets

Pick up 12 stitches along the side of the heel flap (or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the number of heel flap rows you worked). Then pick up one more stitch in the stitch below the first instep stitch to prevent a hole from forming between the heel flap and the instep.

Continue working in the lace stitch pattern across the two instep needles.

Pick up one stitch in the stitch below the first heel flap stitch, then pick up the same number of stitches as you picked up before along the side of the heel flap. Knit to the end of needle 4.

Round 1 (Decrease): Knit to 3 stitches from end of first needle, k2tog, k 1. Work in lace pattern on instep stitches. On the last needle; k1, ssk, knit to the end..

Round 2: Work even in plain stockinette stitch.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 until all needles have 12 stitches each - a total of 48 stitches.

Foot

Work around in pattern as established until the foot is $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " less than desired length from back of the heel (or the sock fits to approximately the middle of your pinky toe).

Toe

The toe is knit in plain stockinette stitch as follows:

Round 1 (Decrease):

Needle 1: K until 3 stitches remain, k2tog, k 1.

Needle 2: K 1, ssk, k remaining stitches.

Needle 3: K to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k 1.

Needle 4: K 1, ssk, k remaining stitches.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 three more times, then work Round 1 only (the decrease round) until 4 stitches remain on each needle.

Combine stitches from Needles 1 and 4 on one needle, and stitches from Needles 2 and 3 on another needle

Finishing

- Cut yarn leaving about a 12" tail for closing the toe.
- Thread yarn onto a darning needle and graft the toe stitches closed using the Kitchener stitch.
- Remove the yarn used in the provisional cast-on.
- Weave in tails.

Congratulations! You have finished your first sock. Now make your second sock in exactly the same way. ♥