

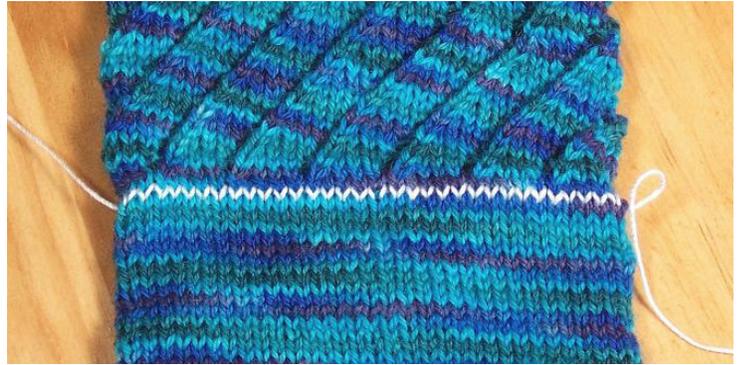
Place waste yarn for afterthought heel:

Work across top of the foot.

Using contrast yarn knit across the bottom of the foot (white yarn in picture).

Return to the start of bottom of the foot and knit across again in the sock yarn.

Work 2 more rounds.

**Leg:**

You will now start working the pattern stitch on all the stitches. Increase one stitch at the start of stockinette section by replacing k1 for one of the k2tog.

Continue until the leg measures 6 inches or your desired length ending on Round 7.

Ribbing:

The ribbing consists of two rounds.

Ribbing Round 1: *k1, slip 1 purlwise, k1, p2*

Ribbing Round 2: knit

The slipped stitch should be aligned with the k2tog in the pattern below. If it doesn't align work the pattern stitch until they do align.



Work until the ribbing is 3 inches long.

Cast off loosely.

Heel:

Using 2 double pointed needles, pick up the stitches on either side of the waste yarn. Carefully remove the waste yarn. I recommend you not cut it, just in case you cut the sock yarn as well. I use a needle to pull out one stitch at a time. The leg side will be off by one stitch, increase or decrease so that there are 27 (27, 32) stitches on each needle.

Shift stitches to work on 5 needles.

Heel Round 1 & all odd Heel Rounds: knit

Heel Round 2: *k1, ssk, k21 (k21, k26), k2tog, k1*

Heel Round 4: *k1, ssk, k19 (k19, k24), k2tog, k1*

Heel Round 2: *k1, ssk, k17 (k17, k22), k2tog, k1*

Continue in this manner until there are 26 (26, 30) stitches total ending on an even (decrease) round.

Graft the stitches together.

**Finishing:**

Weave in ends. Wash in mild soap and block to dry.

Or slap 'em on your feet and wear them.

Pattern doesn't make sense? You found an error? Have a question? Contact me at miss_maia@hotmail.com.

Larger pictures along with corrections and questions regarding this pattern will be answered at http://maiaspins.typepad.com/maiaspins/2006/10/yarn_whispering.html.

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