

tern

by Pam Allen



finished measurements:

Foot circumference (relaxed): 7" / 18 cm.
Foot length: 9" / 23 cm.

suggested yarn:

2 skeins Quince and Company *Tern*
(226 yds / 205 m per 1 3/4 oz / 50 g
skein; 75% American Wool, 25% Silk)
in 108 Delft.

needles:

Two size 4 US / 3.5 mm circular needles,
24" / 60 cm long.
Two size 5 US / 3.75 mm circular needles,
24" / 60 cm long.

*Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain
correct gauge.*

notions:

Cable needle.

gauge:

28 sts and 44 rows = 4" / 10 cm in
Stockinette stitch using smaller needles.
*To save time and to ensure accurate
sizing, check gauge.*

NOTES

Knitted ribs lend themselves nicely to smocking. A few rhythmically placed wraps or crossings turn an unwavering vertical stitch pattern into something mysteriously textural. The stitch used in these socks isn't the traditional knitted technique for smocking in which you literally wrap the working yarn around a group of stitches. Instead the smocked effect is created by cabling one stitch over five. So easy.

These socks are worked on two circular needles from the toe up. Needle 1 carries the instep sts; Needle 2 carries the sole sts.

The stitch pattern is mirrored on the two socks. Use Smocked Stitch Pattern A for the first sock and Smocked Stitch Pattern B for the second sock.

Judy's Magic Cast On was used for the sample socks. The heel is shaped using a yarn over short-row technique.

STITCH GUIDE

Smocked Stitch Pattern A

Rnds 1–4: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 5: * Sl 5 sts to cn and hold in back, k1, [k1, p2, k2] from cn, p2; rep from * to last 6 sts, sl 5 sts to cn and hold in back, k1, [k1, p2, k2] from cn.

Rnds 6–10: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 11: K2, p2, * sl 5 sts to cn and hold in back, k1, [k1, p2, k2] from cn, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 12: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. Rep these 12 rnds for patt.

Smocked Stitch Pattern B

Rnds 1–4: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 5: * Sl 1 st to cn and hold in front, k2, p2, k1, k1 from cn, p2; rep from * to last 6 sts, sl 1 st to cn and hold in front, k2, p2, k1, k1 from cn.

Rnds 6–10: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 11: K2, p2, * sl 1 st to cn and hold in front, k2, p2, k1, k1 from cn, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 12: * K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2. Rep these 12 rnds for patt.

TOE

Using an invisible cast on for socks and smaller needles, CO 14 sts to each of two needles—28 sts.

Rnd 1: Knit. If you use Judy's Magic Cast On, knit sts on Needle 1 in the usual way then, for the first rnd only, knit sts tbl on Needle 2.

Rnd 2—Inc rnd: Needle 1: * K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1; rep from * on Needle 2—16 sts on each needle, 32 sts total.

Rnd 3: Knit

Rep the last two rnds 6 more times—28 sts on each needle, 56 sts total.

FOOT

Rnd 1—Inc rnd: Needle 1: K4, * m1, k4; rep from * to end. Needle 2: Knit. 34 sts for instep, 28 sts for sole—62 sts total.

Rnd 2: Needle 1: K1, p1, work Smocked Stitch Patt to last 2 sts, p1, k1. Needle 2: Knit.

Continue in Smocked Stitch patt and Stockinette st as established until 5 repeats of the 12 round Smocked Stitch patt have been worked, then work rounds 1–6 again.

Next rnd: Work patt as established on Needle 1 only.

BOTTOM OF HEEL

Work back and forth on Needle 2 only for heel.

Row 1 (RS): K 27, turn (purl side is facing).

Row 2: Yo backwards (yarn goes between the needles to the back of work, then up and over the right hand needle), purl the next st (yo formed), p25 (do not work last st), turn.

Row 3: Yo (bring yarn to front and knit next), k to the pair of sts made by yo and its adjacent st in the previous row—3 sts left on LH needle, 2 sts and 1 yo, turn.

Row 4: Yo backwards, p to the pair of sts made by yo and its adjacent st in the previous row, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows until there are 8 unpaired sts in the center of the heel, ending with a RS row; do not turn.

BACK OF HEEL

Row 1: K1 (the first st of the yo pair), correct the mount of the yo (sl the yo pwise, insert LH needle tip into st from front to back and place it on the LH needle), k2tog (the yo just corrected with the first st of the next pair, leaving the next yo as the first st on the LH needle), turn.

Row 2: (WS) Yo backwards, p to yo/st pair, purl the first st of the pair, ssp (yo with the first st of the next pair, leaving next yo as the first st on the LH needle), turn.

Row 3: Yo, knit to the yo/st pair, knit the first st of the pair (the next 2 sts are yo's), correct the mount of these 2 yo's, k3tog (the 2 yo's with the first st of the next pair), turn.

Row 4: Yo backwards, p to next yo, (the next 2 sts are yo's), sssp (2 yo's with the first st of the next pair), turn.

Row 5: Yo, knit to the next yo (the next 2 sts will be yo's), correct the mount of these 2 yo's, k3tog (2 yo's with the first st of the next pair), turn.

Rep these last 2 rows until all the yo pairs have been worked, ending with Row 4.

Turn work so RS is facing.

Yo, knit to the yo at the end of the needle, transfer the yo to Needle 1, k2tog (the yo and the first st of Needle 1), work in established rib patt to the last st on Needle 1, transfer this st to Needle 2 and ssk (last st on Needle 1 with yo), transfer last st worked back to Needle 1, k rem sts on Needle 2—28 sts on Needle 2, 34 sts on Needle 1.



abbreviations

beg	begin(s)(ning)
BO	Bind Off
cn	cable needle
CO	Cast On
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
k3tog	knit 3 stitches together
LH	Left Hand
m1	make 1 stitch: Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through back loop. 1 stitch increased.
M1P	Make 1 Purl: Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; purl this stitch through back loop. 1 stitch increased.
p	purl
patt	pattern(s)
RS	Right Side
rem	remain(s)(ing)
rep	repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
sl	slip
ssp	slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit, then purl those 2 stitches together through the back loops
sssp	slip 3 stitches individually as if to knit, then purl those 3 stitches together through the back loops
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through back loop(s)
yo	yarn over



LEG

Next rnd—Inc rnd: Needle 1: K1, M1P, p1, work in patt to last 2 sts, p1, M1P, k1—36 sts. Needle 2: * K3, m1; rep from * to last 4 sts, k3, sl 1—36 sts, 72 sts total. Transfer last slipped st to Needle 1.

Next rnd: Change to larger needles. Needle 1: K2, * p2, k2; cont in rib as established to last st, do not knit last st, transfer last st on Needle 1 to Needle 2. Needle 2: Beg with k2, work in k2, p2 rib to end of needle—36 sts each needle.

Next rnd—Rnd 11 of Smocked Stitch patt: Needle 1: Beg with *, work Rnd 11 of Smocked St patt to last 4 sts, transfer next 4 sts to Needle 2. Needle 2: Beg with *, work Rnd 11 of Smocked St patt to end.

Cont in Smocked Stitch patt as established, moving sts at ends of needles on cable rnds as needed, until leg measures 8" / 20.5 cm above heel. Cont in k2, p2 rib as established for 1" / 2.5 cm more.

BO loosely in rib.



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