Lacy Knee Highs

These great-fitting knit socks make your feet feel wonderful! The knee high length is perfect in blustery winter weather.

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INTERMEDIATE

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Directions are for size Woman's Small Shoe (6-8); changes for sizes Medium (8½-10) and Large (10½-12) are in parentheses.

RED HEART® "Heart & Sole® with Aloe": 3 Balls 3945 Rustica.

Double Pointed Knitting Needles: One set each 2.25mm [US 1], 3.25mm [US 3], 4mm [US 6] and 4.5mm [US 7]. Stitch markers, stitch holders, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 28 sts = 4"; 36 rows = 4" in St st on 3.25mm [US 3] needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

ssk = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

Short Rows

W&T: Bring yarn to front, slip next st, turn, wrap yarn around slip st and slip same st back onto right-hand needle. On next row, work wrapped st by picking up wrap and working together with st on left-hand needle.

Grafting: Place sts to be grafted onto 2 needles with wrong sides together and with needle points facing to the right. Using yarn needle, insert into first st on front needle as if to purl, leaving st on needle. Insert into first st on back needle as if to knit, leaving st on needle. *Insert into first st on front needle as if to knit, slipping st off needle, then into next st on front needle as if to purl, leaving st on needle. Insert into first st on back needle as if to purl, slipping st off needle, then into next st as if to knit, leaving st on needle. Repeat from * until all sts have been grafted.

PATTERN STITCH

Lace Stitch (multiple of 3 sts)
Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: K2, *k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * to last st, k1.
Round 3: Knit.
Round 4: K2, *yo, k1, k2tog; repeat from * to last st, k1.
Repeat Rounds 1-4 for Lace st.

KNEE HIGH (Make 2)
Leg

With 2.25mm [US 1] needles, loosely cast on 78 (84, 86) sts. Divide sts evenly around double-pointed needles, taking care not to twist sts. Place marker for beginning for round.
Work in K1, p1 rib 15 rounds, decreasing 18 (21, 23) sts evenly spaced on last round – 60 (63, 63) sts.
Change to 4.5mm [US 7] needles and beginning with Round 1, work in Lace st for 5 rounds.

Shape Calf

Decrease Round: K1, k2tog, work in pattern to last 2 sts, ssk – 58 (61, 61) sts.
Continue to work in Lace st, repeating Decrease Round every 6th round 4 more times, then every 7th round 2 (3, 2) times – 46 (47, 49) sts.
Work even until piece measures 13" from beginning, end with even number round.
Cut yarn.

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Shape Heel Flap
With right side facing, slip last 13 (13, 12) sts and first 12 (13, 13) sts to one 3.25mm [US 3] needle for Heel Flap, removing marker, slip next 21 (21, 24) sts to a stitch holders for Instep.
Join yarn and using 3.25mm [US 3] needles, knit across 25 (26, 25) sts.
Increase Row (WS): Slip 1, purl across, increasing 3 (4, 5) sts evenly spaced across – 28 (30, 30) sts.
Row 1: [Slip 1, k1] across.
Row 2: Slip 1, purl across.
Repeat last 2 rows until 28 rows have been worked.

Turn Heel
Short Rows
Row 1 (RS): K16 (17, 17), ssk, k1, W&T.
Row 2: Slip 1, p5, p2tog, p1, W&T.
Row 3: Slip 1, k6, ssk, k1, W&T.
Row 4: Slip 1, p7, p2tog, p1, W&T.
Row 5: Slip 1, k8, ssk, k1, W&T.
Row 6: Slip 1, p9, p2tog, p1, W&T.
Row 7: Slip 1, k10, ssk, k1, W&T.
Row 8: Slip 1, p11, p2tog, p1, W&T.
Row 9: Slip 1, k12, ssk, k1, W&T.
Row 10: Slip1, p13, p2tog, p1, W&T.
Row 11: Slip 1, k14, ssk, k0 (1, 1), W&T.
Row 12: Slip 1, p14 (15, 15), p2tog, p0 (1, 1), turn – 16 (18, 18) sts.

Sizes Medium And Large Only
Row 13: Slip 1, k15, k2tog, turn.
Row 14: Slip 1, p14, p2tog, turn – 16 sts.

Shape Gusset
Next Round: With right side facing and 3.25mm [US 3] needles, knit 16 sts from Heel Flap, pick up and knit 14 sts along side edge of Heel Flap, place marker for Gusset, using 4mm [US 6] needles, work across 21 (21, 24) sts from Instep stitch holders, place marker for Gusset, using 3.25mm [US 3] needles, pick up and knit 14 sts along opposite edge of Heel Flap, knit first 8 sts and place marker for beginning of round – 65 (65, 68) sts.
Keep needles as established with Heel sts worked in St st on 3.25mm [US 3] needles and Instep sts worked in Lace st on 4mm [US 6] needles.
Decrease Round: Work to 3 sts before first Gusset marker k2tog, k1, work to next Gusset marker, k1, ssk, work to end of round – 63 (63, 66) sts.
Repeat Decrease Round every other round 7 (6, 6) more times – 49 (51, 54) sts.

Shape Foot
Work until Foot measures 7½ (8, 9)" from Heel.

Shape Toe
Next Round: With 3.25mm [US 3] needles, k14 (15, 15) sts, place marker for Toe, continuing with same size needle, knit across next 21 (21, 24) sts, increasing 7 (9, 6) sts evenly spaced across, place marker for Toe, k14 (15, 15) sts – 56 (60, 60) sts.
Decrease Round: Knit to 3 sts before first Toe marker, k2tog, k2, ssk, knit to 3 sts before next marker, k2tog, k2, ssk, work to end round – 52 (56, 56) sts.
Working in St st on all sts, repeat Decrease Round every other round 4 (5, 5) more times – 36 sts.
Then repeat Decrease Round every round 5 (4, 4) times – 16 (20, 20) sts.
Divide sts in half on 2 needles and graft sts together.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS: k = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl 2 sts together; **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** or ****** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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