London Man - socks with cable patterns

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London Man is a men's / unisex sock with a discrete cable pattern running the length of the sock. It is a good pattern if you want a simple sock with a neat little detail.

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Materials

100 g of Arwetta Classiv from Filcolana Set of 5 US #11/2 / 2.5mm or needles to obtain gauge Markers

Sizes

S (M) L

Finished measurements

Circumference: 15 (20) 25 cm

Foot length: the choice is yours (a note is given on

when to start toe).

Gauge

31 sts and 44 rows for 10x10cm in stockinette stitch

Pattern abbreviations

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

cn – cable needle

st(s) - stitch(es)

k – knit

p – purlsl – slip the stitch purlwise

tbl - through back loop

k2tog - knit 2 sts together

p2tog – purl 2 sts together

stbl - slip 1 sts k-wise, put sts back on left needle and

knit 2 sts together through back loop

C2L - (Cross 2 left) slip next st to cn to the front of

work, k1 from left needle, k1 from cn

C2R - (Cross 2 right) slip next st to cn to the back of

work, k1 from left needle, k1 from cn

Cp2L – (Cross purlwise 2 left) this is the same as C2R but worked on the WS: slip next st to cn to the back

of work, p1 from left needle, p1 from cn

front of work, p1 from left needle, p1 from cn

Cp2R – (Cross purlwise 2 right) this is the same as C2L but worked on the WS: slip next st to cn to the

Directions for knitting

Cast on 56 (64) 72 sts and divide evenly on the needles and join in the round while being careful not to twist.

Round 1: [k2, p2] repeat [] to the end of round

Round 2: as round 1

Round 3: k2, p2, C2R, p2, [k2, p2] 4 (5) 6 times, C2L, p2, k2, p2, C2R, p2, [k2, p2] 4 (5) 6 times, C2L, p2



Repeat these 3 rounds a total 25 times, or until the leg has the desired length.

k2 from next round and then begin heel (i.e. the heel is begun in the first purl gutter of the round)

Heel flap

Row 1 (RS): sl1, p1, k2, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2, k2,

p1, k1 (= 26 (30) 34 sts)

Row 2 (WS): sl1, k1, p2, k2, p14 (p18) p22, k2, p2,

k2

Row 3 (RS): sl1, p1, C2R, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2,

C2L, p1, k1

Row 4 (WS): as row 2

Row 5 (RS): as row 1

Row 6 (WS): sl1, k1, Cp2R, k2, p14 (p18) p22, k2,

Cp2L, k2

Work these 6 rows a total of $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4) 4 times, then work row 1 and 2 once more (for size S just work row 4). (= 22 (26) 26 rows)

Note: If you have a larger (smaller) instep, you may want to work additional (fewer) rows for a longer (shorter) heel flap, thus adjusting the circumference of the sock over the instep. If you choose to change the number of rows worked, be sure to pick up more (less) sts along the heel flap and work more (less) gusset decreases accordingly.

Turn heel

Row 1 (RS): sl1, k14 (k16) k18, stbl, k1 – turn work

Row 2 (WS): sl1, p5, p2tog, p1 - turn work

Row a (RS): sl1, k to one st before the gap, stbl, k1 – turn work

Row b (WS): sl1, p to one st before gap, p2tog, p1 - turn work

Repeat row a and b until all sts have been worked. You have 16 (18) 20 sts after the turn.

Work: k8 (k9) k10 and proceed to gusset.

Gusset

The working yarn is now located at the centre of the heel under the foot. This is the starting point for the rounds that will be gusset, foot and toe.

You will have 4 needles in work with needle 1 beginning at this starting point.

Note: In the following TwA and TwB is abbreviations for the two twists that continue down the foot, so that they run the entire length of the sock. Both are repeats of 2 sts and 3 rows

TwA: round 1: k2 round 2: k2 round 2: k2 round 3: C2R round 3: C2L

Round 1 (set-up 1):

Needle 1: k8 (k9) k10 the remaining sts of heel flap, pick up 11 (13) 13 sts along the side of the heel flap (pick up 1 sts in each slipped sts from heel flap) and 1 sts between the top of the heel flap and the held sts for the top of the foot, k2 from the held sts.

Needle 2 and 3: p2, TwA, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2, TwB, p2

Needle 4: k2 the last held sts, then again pick up 1 sts between the instep sts and heel flap and 11 (13) 13 sts from heel flap, k8 (k9) k10

You should now have sts 70 (80) 86 sts on the needles.

Round 2 (set-up 2):

Needle 1: k8 (k9) k10, k12 tbl (k14 tbl) k14 tbl, k2 Needle 2 and 3: p2, TwA, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2, TwB, p2

Needle 4: k2, k12 tbl (k14 tbl) k14 tbl, k8 (k9) k10

Round 3:

Needle 1: k to 2 sts before end of needle, k2tog Needle 2 and 3: p2, TwA, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2, TwB,

Needle 4: stbl, k to end of needle

Round 4:

Needle 1: k to end of needle

Needle 2 and 3: p2, TwA, p2, k14 (k18) k22, p2, TwB, p2

Needle 4: k to end of needle

Repeat round 3 and 4 another 6 (7) 6 times (= 56 (64) 72 sts)

Foot

Continue working the stitches on needles 1 and 4 in stockinette and the stitches on needles 2 and 3 as described above. Stop when work measures approximately 4 (5) 5 cm less than the desired length.

Suggested toe

Decrease 1: [k2tog, k5 (k6) k7] repeat [] till the end of the round

Work 5 rounds in stockinette stitch

Decrease 2: [k2tog, k4 (k5) k6] repeat [] till the end of the round

Work 4 rounds in stockinette stitch

Decrease 3: [k2tog, k3 (k4) k5] repeat [] till the end of the round

Work 3 rounds in stockinette stitch

Decrease 4: [k2tog, k2, (k3) k4] repeat [] till the end of the round

Work 2 rounds in stockinette stitch

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Continue decreasing and working 2 rounds in stockinette stitch until there are 16 sts left on the needles after a decrease round.

Work 1 round in stockinette stitch. Then k2tog till the end of the round (=8 sts remaining), break the yarn and pull it through the sts.

Weave in all ends. Knit another sock identical to the first one and block both socks well.

