

Durmstrang

Romantic socks in Nordic style. Might Hermione have enchanted her needles to knit these when courting Durmstrang student, Viktor Krum?

SIZE

Ladies small (27cm/10.5" around calf and 20cm/8" around foot, both in unstretched pattern) with options to increase calf/foot circumferences for larger sizes. Choice of 2 foot lengths.

MATERIALS

100g main colour, and 100g contrast colour in 4ply/fingering sock yarn with approximately 420m per 100g. Knitting in elastic for the cuff.

TOOLS

2.5mm/US 1½ needles for your preferred method of small diameter circular knitting. Darning/yarn needle.

TENSION/GAUGE

44 rounds and 38 sts to 10cm/4" in stranded pattern after blocking.



Instructions

Cuff

With MC and knitting in elastic loosely cast on 100 sts, adding 8 sts for each additional 2.5cm/1" of calf girth required. Join for working in the round. Join in CC and knit 20 rounds of k2, p2 rib using MC for the purl stitches

and CC for the knit stitches, also working the knitting-in elastic with both yarns.

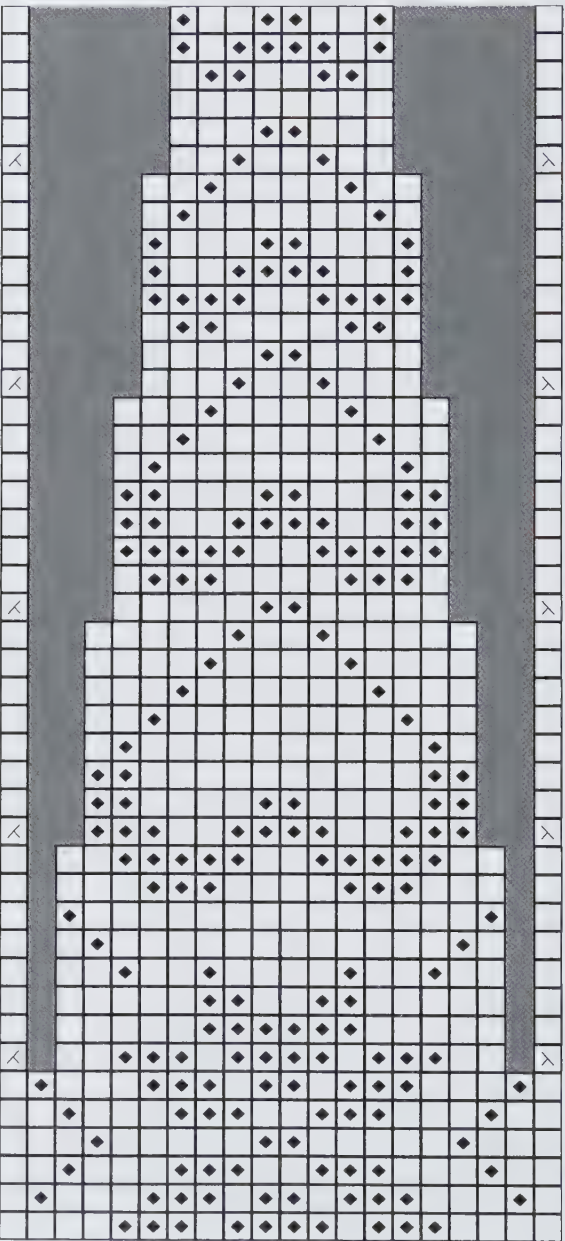
Leg

Knit across the leg chart four times in each of the 50 rounds, placing any added girth sts evenly around where indicated by the arrows. Then

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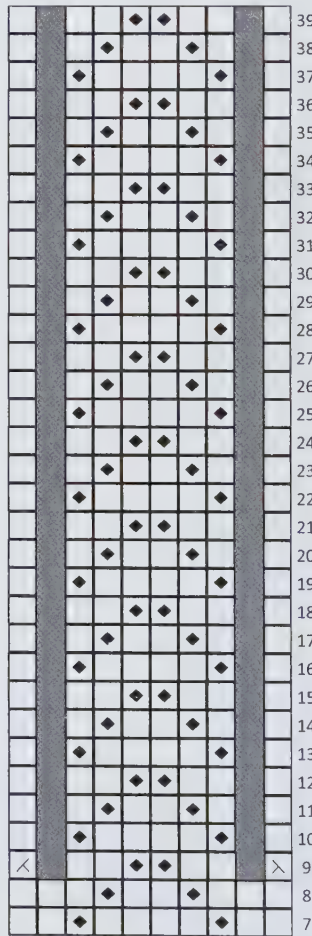
commencing at round 7 of the leg chart, and maintaining diamond pattern as set, work rounds as follows [calf decreases chart, diamond, leg chart] x2, with any

Calf decreases chart



extra girth sts placed where indicated by the arrows. Work the skip/k2tog decreases in MC. To remove any added girth sts not required for the foot, evenly decrease in rounds

Calf chart



marked with an asterisk, placing decreases as indicated by arrows. Continue in rounds (7-39 on charts) working as follows: [calf chart, diamond, leg chart] x2, with any remaining extra girth sts placed where indicated by red arrows. In second half of the final two leg rounds knit the sts highlighted green in MC and not CC. Make a note of your st count at this point (76 plus any extra girth sts).

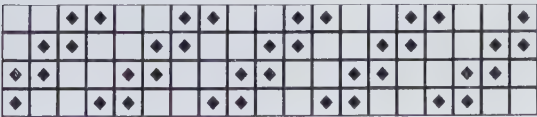
Heel flap

Knit 4 sts (plus any relevant extra girth sts) in calf pattern as established. Set aside the next 38 sts on waste yarn, or needle holders, adding any relevant extra girth sts to this number. Work across the heel flap charts (1 and 2) in each row on the remaining sts, commencing with WS row 1. Knit RS rows and purl WS rows. Extend the chevron pattern at both sides of the heel flap to accommodate any extra girth stitches. Work 6 repeats in total

Heel chart 1



Heel chart 2



of the 4-row pattern and then work one further WS row 1. The heel flap should now measure approximately 5.5cm/2¼" from top to bottom.

Heel turn

Set-up Row 1: Knit in chevron pattern to three stitches before the centre of the heel flap, k2 in CC, k2 in MC, k2 in CC, k2tog in MC, k1 in MC, turn.

Set-up Row 2: [p2 in MC, p2 in CC] x2, p2tog in MC, p1 in MC, turn.

Repeat the following two rows until all sts from the heel flap have been worked, maintaining and extending the stripe pattern as you work (the colour alternates every two sts across the row):

Row 1: Knit to one st before gap made by turn in last knit row, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2: Purl to one st before gap made by turn in last purl row, p2tog, p1, turn.

Gussets

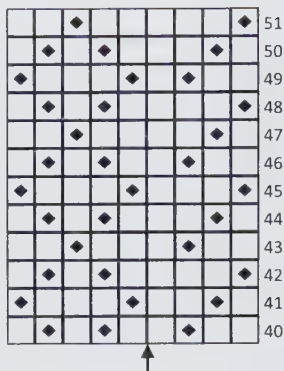
Set-up Round: Knit across the heel sts in stripe pattern as set. Pick up and knit 16 sts up side of heel flap, extending stripe pattern as established. In CC pick up two sts from top of heel flap where it meets the instep sts. Knit across the instep sts that were set aside before working the heel flap, working across instep chart 1, leg chart round

Instep charts

Chart 2



Chart 1



40, and instep chart 2. With CC pick up two sts from top of heel flap, then pick up 16 sts down side of heel flap, mirroring the stripe pattern on the other gusset. Knit across half the heel stitches in stripe pattern as set.

Now, maintaining the sole stripe pattern and the instep pattern as

established, alternate the following two rounds until the total st count is reduced to that noted before the heel flap (76 plus extra girth sts):

Round 1: Knit in pattern as set.

Round 2: Knit to the last 3 sts of first gusset in stripe pattern as set. In CC k2tog, k1. Knit instep sts in pattern. In CC, k1, skp, then knit to the end of the round in stripe pattern as set.

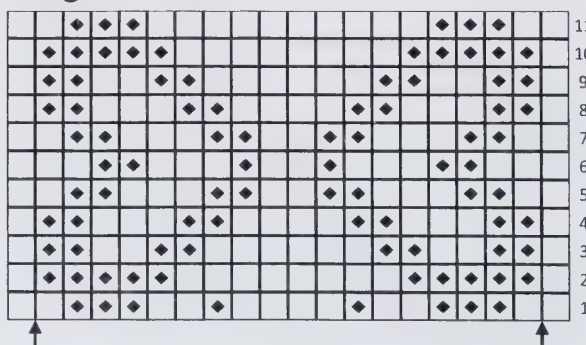
Foot

Continue working in pattern as set until 42 rounds have been worked from commencement of the gussets. Then work a single repeat of either the short or long foot chart centrally on the instep sts, maintaining sole stripe pattern, instep diagonal and diamond patterns as set. Use the short foot chart for feet of 24-26cm/9½"- 10¼", use the long foot chart for feet of 27-28cm/10½"-11".

Short foot chart



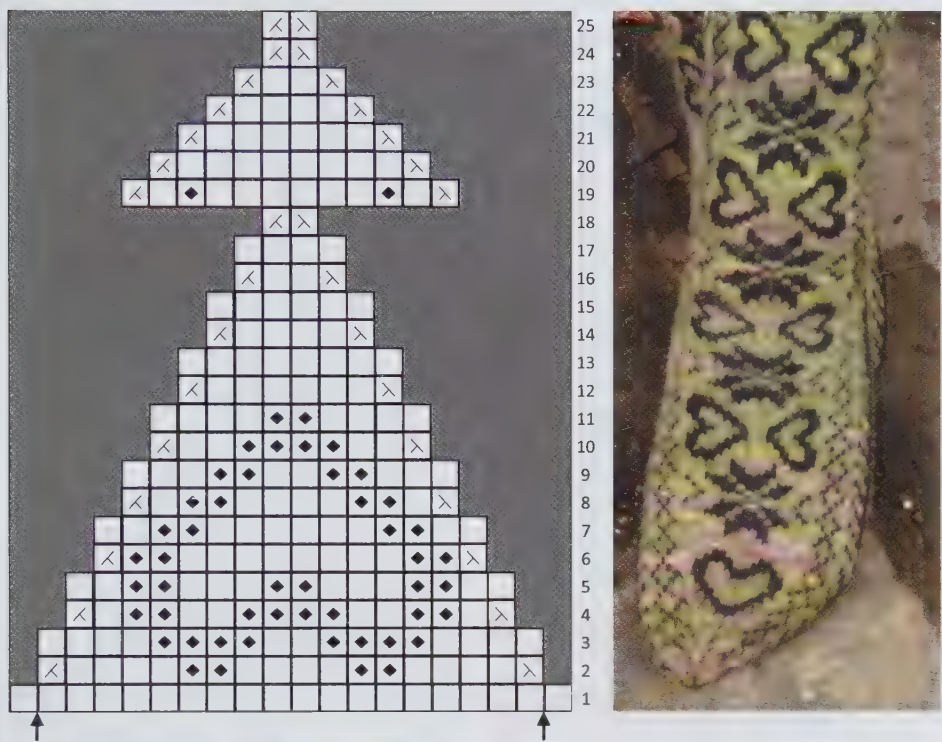
Long foot chart



Toe

Follow the toe chart, maintaining the sole stripe pattern and instep diagonal patterns throughout, and the diamond pattern in rounds 1-18 only. Work the decrease rounds as follows:

Toe chart



There should now be 12 sts remaining, excluding any extra girth sts. To eliminate extra girth sts, work further decrease rounds after the end of the charted pattern until 12 stitches remain. Graft the sts from the first half of the round to the sts from the second half of the round using Kitchener stitch.

Finishing

Knit to last 3 sole sts. In CC, k2tog, k1. Knit across the instep sts, placing the toe chart sts centrally. In CC k1, skp. Knit to end in stripe pattern as set.

Weave in all ends inside the socks. Block on sock blockers with steam, or iron under a damp cloth.