Anna M

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The Anna M sock design was greatly inspired by Anna Mäkilä's Raitaa ja ruusua sock design. The appeal of the design is the striped tomato heel with small gussets, which is my modification of the sweet tomato heel first introduced by Cat Bordhi.

YARN AND YARDAGE

Main colour (MC): Adelia Fibers Merino Sock (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 425 m / 100 g), 40-50 grams of teal (Riikinkukko colourway)

Contrast colour 1 (CC1): Borgo de'Pazzi Bice (75 % wool, 25 % nylon; 420 m / 100 g), 30-40 grams of off-white

Contrast colour 2 (CC2): Lucky Omen Yarns Merino Sock (75 % merino, 25 % nylon; 425 m / 100 g), 10-15 grams of red (Red wine colourway)

GAUGE

36 sts and 44 rows in stockinette stitch with smaller needles = 10 cm / 4 inches

NEEDLES

2.0 mm / US0 and 2.5 mm / US1½ (or suitable to obtain gauge) circular needles, at least 80 cm / 32 inches long.

Socks can be knitted with dpns, two shorter circulars or a mini circular but the instructions have been written for magic loop.

SIZE

There are instructions for sizes small (64 sts), medium/large (72 sts) and extra-large (80 sts), which are referred to in the instructions as S (M/L, XL). If only one stitch count is given, it applies to all sizes. With the given gauge, sizes S (M/L, XL) fit foot circumference of approximately 18.5 (21, 23.5) cm / 7⅜ (8¼, 9 ¼) inches with some negative ease.

BEFORE YOU START

Please read the instructions carefully. The sole, gussets, heel and back of the leg are worked on needle 1 for the first sock and on needle 2 for the second sock. The instep and front of the leg are worked on needle 2 for the first sock and on needle 1 for the second sock.

INSTRUCTIONS

Toe

With MC and smaller needles, cast on 20 (24, 24) sts in total, using Turkish or any other toe-up cast-on method of your choice. *There are now 10 (12, 12) sts on each needle.*

Work the toe increases as follows:

rnd 1*:* Knit.
rnd 2: On needle 1, work *k1, kfb, knit until 3 sts remain, kfb, k2*. Repeat * - * on needle 2.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 until there are 32 (36, 40) sts on each needle.

Foot

Knit 2 rnds with MC. Attach CC1, knit 2 rnds with CC1 and 2 rnds with MC.

Switch to larger needles if desired. Work according to chart A as follows, attaching and cutting CC2 when appropriate: in each round, work chart A, sts 1-8, a total of 7 (8, 9) times and then, work sts 9-16 once.

Switch back to smaller needles. *Knit 2 rnds with MC and 2 rnds with CC1*, repeat * - * until foot measures approximately 8 (8.5, 10) cm / 3⅛ (3⅜, 4) inches less than the desired final length, finishing with a CC1 (CC1, MC) stripe.

Chart A
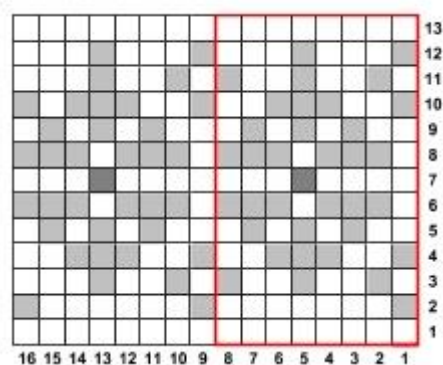
Mini gusset increases

Continue in the established stripe pattern while working the gusset increases on needle 1 (first sock) or needle 2 (second sock) as follows:
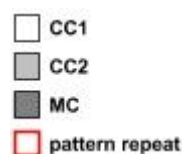
rnd 1: Knit.
rnd 2: K1, M1L, knit until 1 st remains, M1R, k1.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 on needle 1 (first sock) or needle 2 (second sock) and knit the sts on needle 2 (first sock) or needle 1 (second sock) until you have increased a total of 8 (8, 10) sts and you have just finished rnd2 with CC1.
There are now 40 (44, 50) sts on needle 1 (first sock) or needle 2 (second sock).

Chart key

CC1
CC2
MC
pattern repeat

Heel

Knit 1 rnd with MC.

For the second sock only, knit to the end of needle 1.

Work the first MC heel turn section back and forth on needle 1 for the first sock and on needle 2 for the second sock, starting on RS as follows:

row 1 (RS): K39 (k43, k49), w&t.
row 2 (WS): P38 (p42, p48), w&t.
row 3 (RS): Knit until 2 sts remain before the previous RS wrapped st, w&t.
row 4 (WS): Purl until 2 sts remain before the previous WS wrapped st, w&t.

Repeat rnds 3 and 4 until there are 6 (7, 8) wrapped stitches on each side of the heel turn, one unwrapped stitch between each wrapped stitch and 18 (18, 20) unwrapped sts in the centre.

Continue working in the round on the RS as follows: knit to the end of the rnd, knitting wraps together with the wrapped stitches.

Knit 2 rnds with CC1. Then, knit 1 rnd with MC, and finally, for the second sock only, knit to the end of needle 1.

Work the second MC heel turn section with short rows as described for the first section.

Next, knit 2 rnds with CC1. Then, knit 1 rnd with MC, and finally, for the second sock only, knit to the end of needle 1.

Work the third MC heel turn section with short rows as described for the first section.

Finally, knit 2 rnds with CC1.

Mini gusset decreases

Continue in stripe pattern, starting with a MC stripe, and work the gusset decreases on needle 1 (first sock) or needle 2 (second sock) as follows:

rnd 1: Knit.
rnd 2: Ssk, knit until 2 sts remains, k2tog.

Repeat rnds 1 and 2 on needle 1 (first sock) or needle 2 (second sock) and knit the sts on needle 2 (first sock) or needle 1 (second sock) until 32 (36, 40) sts remain on each needle.

Leg

Continue in the established stripe pattern until leg measures approximately 6 (6.5, 7) cm / 2½ (2⅝, 2¾) inches less than the desired final length, finishing with a MC stripe.

Switch to larger needles if desired. Work according to chart A as follows, attaching and cutting CC2 when appropriate: in each round, work chart A, sts 1-8, a total of 7 (8, 9) times and then, work sts 9-16 once.

Switch back to smaller needles. Knit 2 rnds with MC and 2 rnds with CC1. Cut CC1. Knit 1 rnd with MC and then, work *ktbl, p1* ribbing for 12 (14, 16) rnds or to desired ribbing length. Bind off using any elastic bind-off method of your choice. The sample socks have been bound off with sewn bind-off.
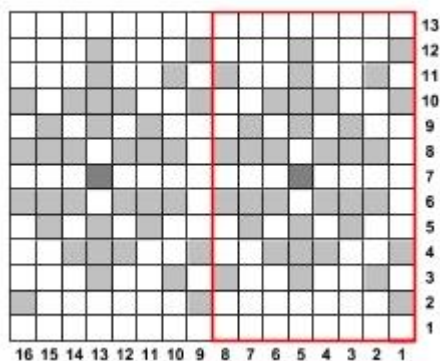
Chart A

Chart key

☐ CC1
▨ CC2
◼ MC
▢ pattern repeat

FINISHING

Soak the socks in lukewarm water. Remove excess water by rolling the socks in a towel. Let dry flat or on sock blockers. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR - beginning of round
CC 1 (2) - contrast colour 1 (2)
k - knit
kfb - knit front and back loop
ktbl - knit through back loop
k2tog - knit 2 stitches together
MC - main colour
M1L - make 1 left (a left-leaning increase)
M1R - make 1 right (a right -leaning increase)
p - purl
rnd(s) - round(s)
RS - right side
sl - slip
ssk - slip, slip, knit
st(s) - stitch(es)
WS - wrong side
w&t - wrap and turn