



# LAZY DAISY SOCKS

SOCK 1 LAZY

SOCK 2 DAYS

I may be stretching the idea of landscape, but I did have fun planning my socks for this issue. Landscaping is defined as improving a plot of ground. I decided to improve the landscape of my knitting by trying techniques new to me.

My favourite landscape would always be floral and now that I do not have my own flower beds to tend, I take great pleasure in walking around my neighbourhood and viewing the work of others.

My socks have rows of cables and flowers. The cables are to represent the pathways between the flowers.

For the first time I cabled without a cable needle, embroidered symbols, and used duplicate stitch for the words.

I worked outside my comfort zone and at a much slower pace, but I am pleased to say I like the result. – Lorraine



# Thoughtful Soles Series

**skill level** Intermediate

**finished size** women's medium

**finished weight** 85g

## materials

### yarn

4-ply fingering weight yarn

- 100g Main Colour – periwinkle (MC)
- small amounts of Contrast Colour – variegated (CC) for words and daisies

### needles

- a set of US 1 [2.5mm] 5 dpns or in size required to meet gauge

### notions

- large-eyed sewing needle – sharp and blunt
- scissors
- stitch marker
- ruler

## gauge

18 sts = 2" [5cm] in stocking stitch

## special abbreviations

**C3F** cable three front (left leaning cable)

## making a cable without a cable needle

1. With yarn in back slip two stitches purlwise to right hand needle.
2. Knit the next stitch.
3. Insert left needle through front of the two slipped stitches on the right hand needle.
4. Pull the right-hand needle out of the three stitches.
5. Insert the right-hand needle into the dropped stitch behind the left needle.
6. Knit the two slipped stitches.

## Notes:

1. I suggest making a swatch to become comfortable with the cable maneuver. Try it, you will like it!
2. For the embroidery using a sharp needle to pierce the knitting helps to keep the stitches in place and to secure the ends.
3. For the duplicate stitch, I inserted a water glass into the foot to give a flat surface and to prevent puckering. I used a blunt needle. For placement of words use **Charts A and B**.
4. An 18" length of contrast colour is enough to make our petals for one flower and a French knot center.

5. I added the flowers after each inch of knitting, and I stitched the sole words before making the toe. Of course, you could wait until the sock is finished to add the embellishment.
6. Warning. The inside of the sock is unavoidably untidy because of all the ends.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Cuff

Cast on 64 sts onto one needle with **MC**. Knit 16 sts onto each of four needles. Join to work in the round placing a marker to indicate the beginning of the round. Work in k2 p2 rib for 1¾".

### Leg

Knit one round increasing to 66sts and rearrange stitches onto three needles with 22sts on each. This allows for two repeats of the patterns on each needle.

### Pattern

**ROUND 1** (C3F, p1, k6, p1) repeat 6 times.  
**ROUND 2** (K3, p1, k6, p1) repeat 6 times.  
 Work rounds 1 and 2 for 6" ending with round 2.  
 The flowers are sewn in the k6 section.

### Heel Flap

The Heel Flap is worked back and forth on 33sts.  
 Set up for flap.  
 K18 st, leave 33 sts on spare needles. P33 sts.  
**Row 1:** (Sl1, k1) repeat to last 3 sts. Sl1, k2.  
**Row 2 and 4:** Sl1, p to end.  
**Row 3:** Sl1, k2, (sl1, k1) repeat to end.  
 Repeat rows 1 to 4 seven times altogether.  
 Work Row 1 once more.  
 Work Row 2 once more as follows:  
 P15, p2tog, p16. 32 sts

### Heel Turn

**Row 1:** K to center, k2, ssk, k1. Turn.  
**Row 2:** Sl1, p5, p2tog, p1. Turn.  
**Row 3:** Sl1, k to one st before gap, ssk, k1. Turn.  
**Row 4:** Sl1, p to one st before gap, p2tog, p1. Turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until all stitches are used. 18 sts

### Gusset

Set up for the gusset.

**Needle 1:** K18 sts, pick up and knit 16 sts upside of flap.

**Needle 2:** Work 33 sts in established cable pattern.

**Needle 3:** Pick up k16 sts down side of heel flap. K9 from Needle 1.

Resume knitting in the round for the gusset decrease and remainder of foot and toe.

The beginning of the round remains at the center of the sole sts.

There are now 27 sts on each of Needles 1 and 3 and 33 sts on Needle 2.

### Gusset (decrease)

Resume knitting in the round.

### ROUND 1

**Needle 1:** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

**Needle 2:** K33 sts with cable pattern as set.

**Needle 3:** K1, ssk, k to end.

### ROUND 2

**Needle 1:** K.

**Needle 2:** K as set.

**Needle 3:** K.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 decreasing every other round until 16 sts remain on Needles 1 and 3.



## Foot

Work until foot measures 5½" from picked up sts. The sole will be plain stocking stitch for the words to be added in duplicate stitch and the instep has three cable rows allowing for two rows of flowers.

## Toe

**Needle 1:** K16 sts.  
**Needle 2:** K15, k2tog.  
**Needle 3:** K16.  
**Needle 4:** K16.

## RIGHT Sock - Toe

### ROUND 1

**Needle 1:** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.  
**Needle 2:** K1, ssk, k to end.  
**Needle 3:** K.  
**Needle 4:** K.

### ROUND 2

Knit all sts.

## LEFT Sock - Toe

### ROUND 1

**Needle 1:** K.  
**Needle 2:** K.  
**Needle 3:** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.  
**Needle 4:** K1, ssk, k to end.

### ROUND 2

Knit all sts.  
 Repeat rounds 1 and 2 decreasing every other round to 50 sts.

## Both socks

### Next ROUND

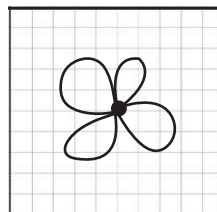
**Needles 1 and 3:** K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.  
**Needles 2 and 4:** K1, ssk, k to end.  
 Repeat this round 8 times decreasing every round to 18 sts.

## finishing

Graft toe stitches.  
 Complete embroidered flowers and duplicate stitched words.  
 Weave in ends.  
 Wet block the socks.  
 Admire the landscape!

## embroidered flowers

4 chain st petals (cc)  
 • French knot (cc)



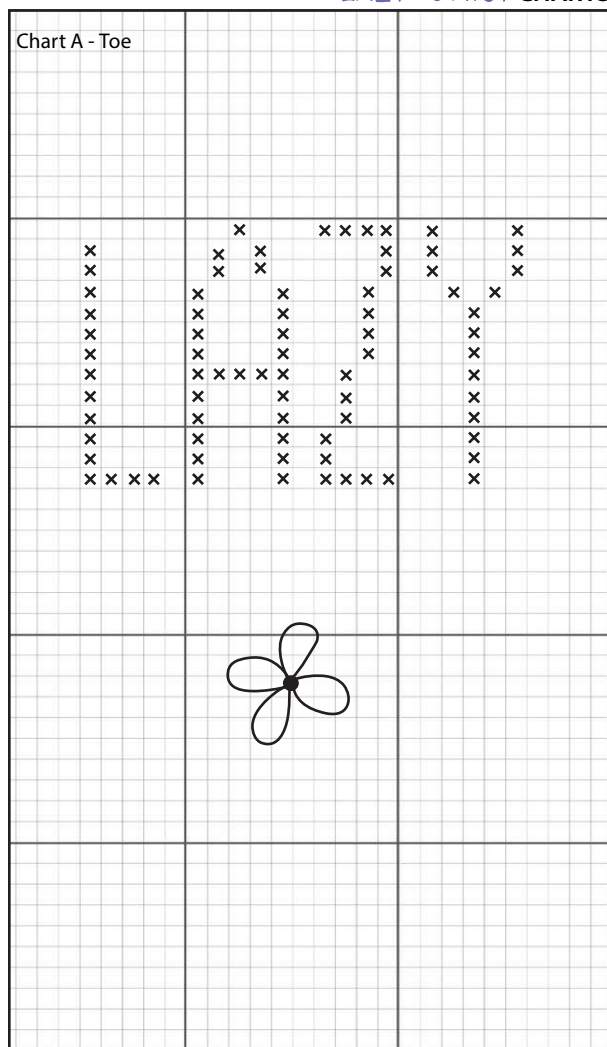
*Note: As an alternative, another good flower could be made using a boullion rose stitch.*



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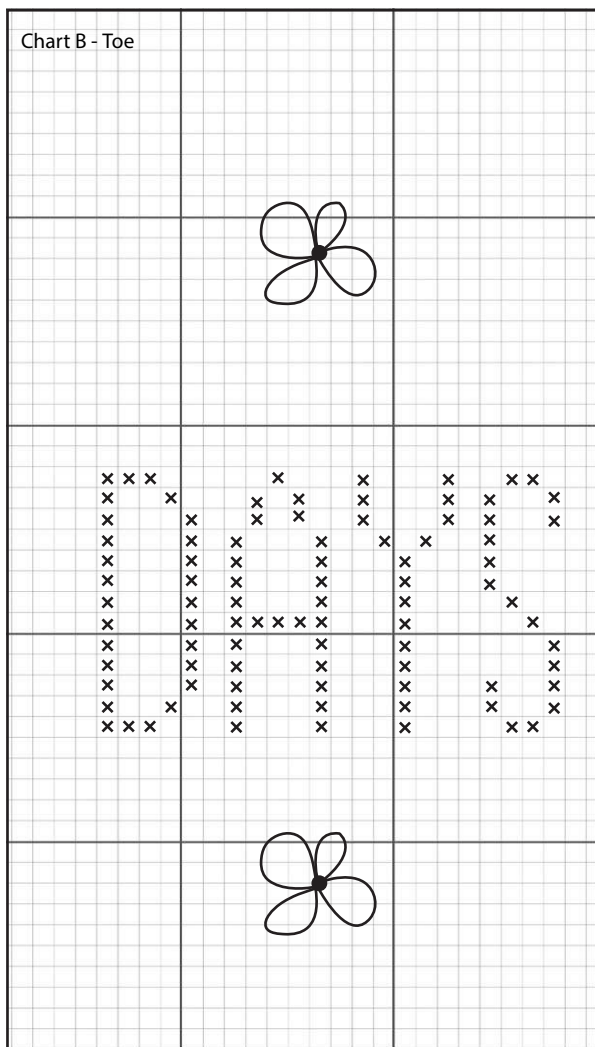
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## LAZY DAISY CHARTS



RIGHT Sole 32st

End of gusset decrease ↑



LEFT Sole 32st

End of gusset decrease ↑

