



Clematis

by Ingrid Hiddessen

These socks are knit toe-up and impress with a simple yet effective little pattern.

Materials:

100 g hand-dyed sock yarn

(gauge: 32 stitches and 40 rounds = 10 x10 cm/4 x 4 inches)

1 set of 5 double-pointed needles size 2.25 mm (US 1) or other size to obtain gauge

Abbreviations:

st, sts	stitch, stitches
rd, rds	round, rounds
k1/p1	knit/purl, knit/purl 1 stitch (or the given number of stitches)
p2tog	purl two stitches together
m1	make one st by lifting up the horizontal loop between two sts onto your left hand needle and knitting into the back of it
ssk	slip, slip knit—slip two stitches one after the other, insert the left-hand needle into the fronts of the slipped stitches from the left and knit them together from this position.

Size: This pattern is written for German size 40 or US women 9 and

worked with 64 sts in the round.

Please note: The beginning of round is located in the middle of the sole; round starts with nd 1.

Pattern: rd 1: k all sts
rd 2: *k3,p1*, repeat from * till *
Work these two rds alternating.

Instructions:

Toe:

Cast on 2 x 20 sts using your favourite toe-up cast-on. (Here I show my favourite method: <http://strickpraxis.wordpress.com/2008/07/11/die-toe-up-sockenspitze-ein-videokurs/>)

Increase stitches as follows in every second row: nd 1 and nd 3—m1 before the last stitch, nd 2 and nd 4—m1 after the first st. Stop increases when you have 16 sts on every nd, that are 64 sts in total. Then lift 1 st of one of the "sole needles" to the adjacent "instep needle", so there are now 33 instep sts and 31 sole sts. We are now at the starting point again, that means in the middle of the sole between nd 1 and nd 4.



Foot:

From here work the instep sts in pattern as stated above and k the sole sts. When your work measures 15.5 cm (6 inches) in total, start gusset increases.

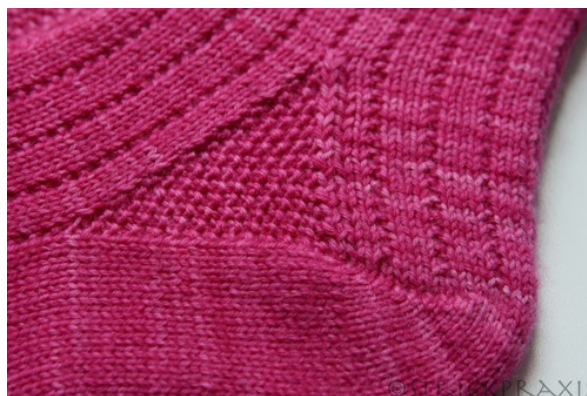
Gusset increases:

Increase 1 st every second row.

Gusset is worked in 1/1 seed stitch: *k1, p1* one round; in the next rd offset, i.e. *p1, k1*. Knit sts are increased by picking up the horizontal loop between sts and knitting into it (m1). Increasing purl sts without creating holes is shown in this video: <http://strickpraxis.files.wordpress.com/2010/10/linke-maschen-lochfrei-aufnehmen1.pdf>

Gusset increases are worked

- on nd1 **after** the last st
 - and on nd 4 **before** the first purl st of the gusset.
- Thus all increases are situated towards the instep.
Increase until there are 14 gusset sts on each side.



Now there are on the needles:

nd 1 15 sts

nd 2 30 sts

nd 3 29 sts

nd 4 16 sts, that are 90sts in total.

If your number of sts is correct, work still 1 rd in pattern.

Starting point for the round end of the sole is the middle of the sole. We are now between nd 4 and nd 1. Knitting will be more comfortable when you move some gusset sts onto the "instep needles" at this point.

Round end of the sole:

Our foot is round at the heel, so we must have a round sole as well. This will be achieved by using short rows.



k15, turn work, 1 double st (slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front and pull yarn to back very tight—this distorts the slipped stitch into a double stitch).

p30, turn work, 1 double st.

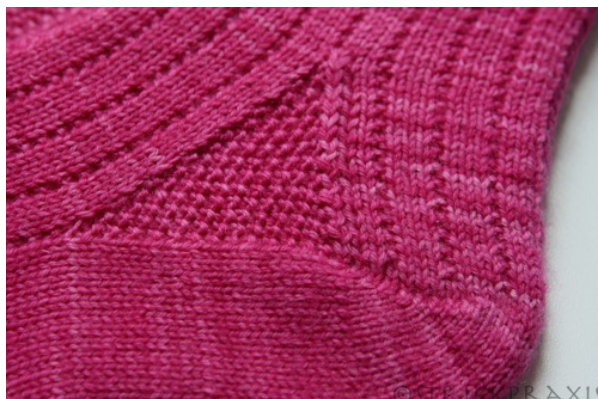
k29, turn work, 1 double st,

p29...

Continue until you have 9 double sts on each side, between these there are 13 knit stitches.

Heel flap

Knit 1 round according to pattern, work double sts by knitting the two loops of each double st together as 1 st. Round ends again in the middle of the sole with the last st on nd 4.



Now the heel flap is worked in rows back and forth:

- k all sts of nd 1 until you reach the last st, work ssk with last st of nd 1 and first st of nd 2, turn
- slip 1 st purlwise, p2tog, p2tog, turn

In the next row we start working the heel flap *in pattern*:

- slip 1 st knitwise, k2, p1, *k3, p1* until there are 5 sts left, p1, k2, ssk

- following wrong side rows:

slip 1 st purlwise, p all sts until there is 1 st left before the gap, p2tog (the st before and the st behind the gap)

- following right side rows:

slip 1 st knitwise, k2, p1, *k3, p1* until there is 1 st left before the gap, ssk (the st before and the st behind the gap)

Continue this manner until on each side remains only 1 purl st from the gusset. Now the original number of sts on all nds is the same as before we started with the gusset increases. From here you start working in rounds across all needles in pattern.

Leg:

Work the leg in rounds until desired length, then start cuff ribbing:

round 1: k all sts

round 2: *k1, p1*

Work these two rounds alternating until desired length.



Finally work a stretchy cast-off:

Turn work so that you look at the **wrong side** of the sock. Work first 2 sts as they appear. Slip both sts back onto your left hand needle and knit them together through back loops. *Work the next st as it appears, slip both sts back onto your left hand needle and knit them together through back loops*. Repeat from * till * until all sts are cast off.